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ANNO XXV. HENRICI VIII.

ACTIS MADE IN THE SESSION OF THIS PRESENT PARLIMENT

holden vppon prorogation at Westmynster, the. XV. daye of Januarie, in the. XXV. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there contynewed and kepte tylle the XXX. daye of Marche than nexte ensuinge: to the honour of god and holy Church, and for the common weale and profyte of this his realme.

LONDINI IN AEDIBVS THOMAE BERTHELETI REGII IMPRESSORI.

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Where as dyuerſe and ſondry actes and ſtatutis haue lately ben made and eſtablyſhed within this realme, for preſeruation of the common welth of the ſame: amonges whiche the acte for ſyllynge of beofle, mutton, beale, and porke by weyghte is ſo neceſſarye for the preſeruation of the pouertye of the ſame, that it maye in no wyſe be forborne. And for as moche as ſufficiente auctorite is not gyuen by the ſayde acte to the Juſtices of peace, mayres, bailyffes, ſhyreffes, and other offycers, reherſed in the ſame acte, for to punyſhe offenders, and ſuche other as wylle not ſelle by weyghte, accordynge to the forme of the ſayde acte. And the bouchers and other offenders perceyuyng the ſame, not dredynge the violation of the ſayde acte, nor the punyſhementes conteyned in the ſame acte, haue wylfullye and obſtinatelye contempned and offended the ſayde acte, and wolle in no wyſe ſelle after the ſame, to the hyghe diſpleaſure of the kynges hyghenes, in contempte of his ſayde lawes, and to the greatte detrimente of the common welthe of this realme. Be it therfore further enacted by auctoryte of this preſent parliament, that from the .xx. day of Februarie, in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. it ſhall be laufull to all and euery mayres, ſhireffes, conſtables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and market townes, as well within lyberties, as without, to whome anye complaynt ſhall be made of or vpon any boucher, his wyfe, ſeruantes, or other his miniſters, refuſyng to ſelle the ſayd victuals, by true and laufull weyght, accordynge to the tenour of the ſayde acte heretofore made: not only to commyt euery ſuche boucher, and other ſuche offenders, to warde, there to remayne withoute bayle or mayneprize, vntyll ſuche tyme as they and euery of them ſhall haue payde all the forfaytes and penaltyes, compriſed in the ſayde former acte, but alſo euery of the ſayd maires, and other officers afore ſayde, and theyr deputies, ſhall immediately ſelle and vtter, or cauſe to be ſolde and vttered for redy money, by true weyghte, all ſuche victuals ſo refuſed to be retayled and ſolde by true and laufull weyght, accordyng to the effect of the ſayd formar act, delyuerynge alwayes the money therof commynge, vnto the owners of the ſame victuals: whiche owners ſhall be vtterly and for euer excluded to haue any action, ſuite, or demand ageynſte any ſuche mayre, or other officers or theyr deputies, for ſellyng or vtterynge of the ſayde victuals, by trewe and laufull weyght, in forme afore ſayde, or for any other cauſe or thynge concernynge the ſame: Except onely for the money receyued for the ſame victuals, if it be not vppon reaſonable requeſt therof to be made, payde, or reſtored withoute delaye.

And to the intent that the bouchers from tyme to tyme, maye be the more redye and able to vtter and ſelle the ſayde victuals by trewe and laufulle

weight: It is further ordeyned, eſtablyſhed, & enacted, by the auctorite aforeſayde, that euery owner, graſier, fermour, breder, drouer, and brogger of this realme, whiche after the ſayd day ſhall haue any beoffis, muttons, beales, or porkes, fatte and kepte to be ſolde for mans meate, ſhall at all tymes whan ſo euer any boucher or bouchers, or other perſonne or perſones, ſhall reſorte to them to bye the ſame to be kylled or retayled ageyne by laufull weight, ſhall make ſale of theyr ſayde cattalles to euery ſuche boucher or bouchers, as wyll bye the ſame to be retayled by laufulle weight, as is aforeſayde, at ſuche reaſonable price or prices: Soo as the ſayde bouchers or others, alwayes may retayle the ſame ageyne by lawfull weight, as is aforeſayde, accordynge to the effecte of the ſayde former acte, made for the ſellyng of fleſhe by weight. The ſayd bouchers alwais payenge for the ſame cattall redy money in hande, or at ſuche dayes as the owners of the ſayde cattall maye be agreed withall. And if the ſayde owners, graſiers, fermours, breders, drouers, and broggers, or any of them, at any tyme or tymes after the ſayde. xx. daye of Februarie, ſhall refuſe to ſette any ſuche reaſonable price, and to make ſale of theyr ſayde cattall, in forme aforeſayde, to the boucher or bouchers, or to any other perſone or perſons, that woll bye and kylle, and retayle the ſame ageyne by lawfulle weighte (as is aforeſayde) that then euery Juſtice of peace, within the lymittes of his commiſſion, inhabytynge nerte vnto the place, where ſuche refuſall ſhall be made: and mayres or bayliffes of other places corporated vpon complaynt to be made to hym or them therof, by any boucher or bouchers, or other, whiche wolde bye the ſayde cattalle to ſelle ageyne (as is aforeſayde) ſhall haue fulle power and auctorytie by vertue of this preſente acte, to directe his or theyr precepte, vnder his or their ſeale, vnto foure, three, or two honeſte, dyſcrete, and indifferente perſonnes, not beinge fermours, tenauntes, or ſeruauntis to the owners of the ſayde cattalle, commaundynge theym by the ſame, to ſette and tare the ſayde prices indifferentely betwene the ſayde partyes, in ſuche diſcrete wyſe, as the bouchers, whiche ſhall bye the ſayde catalle to retaylle and ſelle agayne (as is aforeſayde) ſhall be no loſers in vtterynge the fleſhe of the ſame cattall ageyne by laufull weight. And if any owner, fermour, graſier, breder, or brogger (as is aforeſayde) or any of the ſayde foure, three, or two indifferente perſonnes, ſoo to be appoynted by the ſayde Juſtyces, Mayres, or Bayllyues, or by anye of theym, at anye tyme after the ſayde daye, refuſe to obeye and perfourme the tenoure of the ſayde precepte, or to vtter and ſelle theyr cattalle of lyke nature, as is aboue reherſed, in fourme aforeſayde: that thenne all and euerye the ſayde owners, fermours, graſiers, drouers, breders, and broggers, and alſo the ſayde fowre, three, or two indifferente perſonnes, and euerye of theym, makynge any ſuche refuſall or denyalle, or not executynge, or not obeyinge the ſame, yf hit be within fortye dayes, before anye of the foure termes of yerely exercyſynge or keppynge the lawes of this realme,

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shall be commaunded by anye of the sayde Justices, mayres, or bayllisses, euery suche offendour vpon peyne of.xl.poundes personally to appere before the kynges hyghnes, and the lordes of his moost honorable counsaile in the sterred chambre at Westmynster, or other place of their common assemblie, in the terme nexte ensuinge the same foure dayes, there to make fine and abyde suche further punyshement, as shall be thought moost conuenyent by the discretion of the chauncellour of Englande, the Treasourer of Englande, and other the lordes of the sayde counsell for the tyme beynge, for their sayd refusalle, or other their sayde offence. And yf anye suche offence or refusalle shalle happen to be committed, in fourme afore sayde, duryng tyme of any of the sayde foure termes: thanne lyke monycion, peyne, and certyficat shalle be made by anye of the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Baylyffes, in fourme before reherced, atte the nexte terme then folowynge. And yf that anye tyme after the foresayde twentye daye of Februarie, anye of the sayde Justyces, or Mayres, or Baylyffes of places corporated, vpon anye complaynte soo to be made to theym, or to anye of theym, in fourme afore sayde, doo not in tyme and place conuenyente, vpon reasonable requeste, awarde his precepte vnto suche foure, three, or two, as he shalle thynke by his discrecyon to be indifferente, personnes, and also gyue monition vpon peyne, as is afore sayde, and make trewe relation and certificat by writynge vnto the kynges sayde hyghenes, and vnto his sayde counsayle, in fourme afore sayde, of the sayde refusall, or other afore sayde misbehauour, of any of the sayde owners, fermours, graziers, drouers, breders, and broggers afore sayde, and also of the sayde foure, three, or two in differente persons, as the truthe of the case shall requyre: If the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Baylliffes of places corporate, in tyme and place conuenyente, be reasonably required so to doo: that then euerye the sayde Justices, Maires, and Baylliffes afore sayde, beynge reasonablye requiredde in tyme and place conueniente to make his warrant, or to gyue monition, or to make true relation and certificat accordynge to the tenour of this acte, and refusynge that to do in fourme as is aboue remembred, shal lose and forfaite for euery suche defaute forty shillinges. And if the sayde mayres, shireffes, Constables, or other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and other market townes, or anye of theym, within the lymyttes of their auctorityes, by them selfe, or by suche other as they or anye of theym shall therunto limitte and appoynt by their precepte, do not cause the said kyndes of victuall from tyme to tyme to be retayled, vttered, and solde by laufull weight, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde former acte: that then euerye of the same Mayres and other officers afore sayde, shalle loose and forfayte the some of forty shillinges, for euery tyme that reformation, accordynge to the effecte and tenoure of this presente acte, in his or their defaulte, is not therof by euerye of theym hadde and made vppon anye suche reasonable complaynt made in fourme afore sayde.

And that the one moytie of the forfaytures aforesayd, shalbe to the vse of the kinges highnes, his heyres & successours: and the other moytie vnto any other person or persones, that woll sue for the same, by bylle, playnte, informacion, action of dette, or otherwyse, wherein the defendaunt shall not be admitted to the wager of his lawe, nor none essoyne or protection shalbe alowed for his defence in that behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the mayre and shyreffes, alwayes for the tyme beinge, of the citie of London, shall cause all and euery the foresayde victuals to be vttered and solde by lawfull weight within the sayd citie, and the lyberties of the same, accordinge to the tenour of the sayde former acte, and also of this presente acte, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte the somme of.xl.s. for euery tyme that complaint therof to them or to any of them, be reasonably made, and the same complaynt or complayntis not by theym remedied and redressed in maner and forme aforesayd. And that the one moytie of euery suche forfayture shalbe to the kynges highnes, his heyres, and successours: and the other moytie to any other person or persones, that woll sue for the same in any courte of Recorde of this realme, in lyke maner as is afore rehersed.

¶ And for as moche as beoffes, muttons, beales, and porkes, by many occasions fortune in some one yere, or in some one tyme of the yere, to be more scarce or more dere, than at an other, by meane wherof the graziers and bouchers, in suche a dere tyme, shall not be able to afforde the same at suche prices and ratis, as when they be in more plentie, and better chepe: Be it therfore further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the kinges highnes, his heyres, and successours, kynges of this realme, from tyme to tyme vppon any complayntis made of any scarsitie or lacke of beoffes, muttons, beales, or porkes, shall and may frome tyme to tyme cause proclamation to be made vnder the greatte seale, in suche parties of this realme, as shall seme to his highnes, his heires or successours moste conuenient, that the bouchers and other, whiche be compellable to sell flesshe by weyghte, at prices lymytted in the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, shall and may selle for the tyme to be limitted in suche proclamation, beoffes, muttons, beals, and porkes by retayle without weight, as here to fore hath ben accustomed: orels by weighte at suche reasonable prices, as shall be lymitted by the sayd proclamation, and as shall please the kynges highnes, his heyres, or successours to lymytte and appoynt by the saide proclamation, vpon suche peyne as shall be conteyned in suche proclamations, to be loste and leuyed to the kynges vse, accordynge to the tenour of euery suche proclamation. And that as well euery boucher and other, for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, beale, or porke by retayle, by vertue of suche proclamation, within the tymes to be lymitted in the same, as euery other persone and persons, being bounden by auctoritie of this act, to se the sayde bouchers so to do, vppon the peynes aboue especified, shall be discharged and acquited by auctoritie of euery such proclamation of al

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penalties, peynes, forfaytures, and losses, whiche they shulde haue suffered and loste by vertue of the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, or by vertue of this present acte, in case no suche proclamation had ben made: any thynge in the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, or in this presente acte conteyned, to the contrarie hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And where by an acte passed, sythen the begynnynge of this presente parlyament, it was ordeyned and prouided, that no person or persons, bouchers or other, inhabytynge within this realme, wales, or marches of the same, shulde frome the fyrste daye of Januarie laste paste, durynge two hole yeres, from thensefortherte folowynge, kylle or cause to be kylled any yonge suckynge calfe or calfes, to be solde or put to sale to any persone or persones, hole or by retayle, whiche calfe or calues shuld happen to fall or be calued, betwene the sayde fyrste day of Januarie, and the sayde fyrste daye of May, in anye of the sayde two yeres, vppon certayne peynes conteyned in the sayde act, as by the same acte more at large is expressed: The kynge our souerayne lorde, of his moste excellent goodnes, to the intente that his louynge subiectes shulde be the better prouided of plentie of victualle ageyne this holye tyme of Easter nexte commynge: and soo frome thensforth durynge this yere, is therfore pleased and contented, that hit be establysshed and enacted, by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that all bouchers, and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, may lawfully from the .xii. daye of Marche, whiche shal be in the yere of oure lorde god. M.D. xxxiii. vnto the fyrst day of Januarie nexte commynge, kyll and selle calues by retayle by weight, accordyng to the said statute made for sellyng of flesshe by weyght, or els accordynge to suche proclamation, as shal please the kynges hyghnes to make for the same, in forme as is aboue rehersed, if any suche proclamation happen to be made, the sayde late acte made for kyllynge of calues, to endure for two yeres, to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that the sayd acte made for kyllynge of calues shall begynne to take effect at the fyrste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, and frome thensefortherte shall endure and continue two holy yeres nexte after that ensuynge, anye thyng conteined in this present act to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte of proclamation to be made concernynge victuals. Ca. ii.

FOr as moche as derthe, scarsitie, good chepe, and plentie of chese, butter, capons, hennes, chekyns, and other victuals, necessarie for mennes sustenance happeneth, rysethe, & chaunceth of soo many and dyuers occasions, that is verye harde and difficile to put any certayne prices to any suche thynges. And yet neuer the

nertheleſſe the prices of ſuche victuals be many tymes inhaunſed and reyſed, by the gredy couetouſnes and appetytes of the owners of ſuche victuals, by occaſyon of ingroſſynge and regratynge the ſame, more then vppon any reaſonable or iuſte grounde or cauſe, to the great damage and enpouerysshynge of the kynges ſubiectes. For remedye wherof be it enacted by the auctorite of this preſent parliament, that vppon euery complaynte made of any enhaunſynge of prices of ſuche victuals, without grounde or cauſe reaſonable in any parte of this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, the lorde treaſourer, the lorde preſydent of the kynges moſte honorable counſeyle, the lorde priuey ſeale, the lorde ſtewarde, the lorde Chamberleyne, and all other lordes of the kynges counſayle, the treaſourer and comptroller of the kynges moſt honourable houſe, the chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaſtre, the kynges Juſtices of eyther benche, the chauncellour, chamberleyns, vnder treaſourer, and the barons of the kynges eſchequre, or .vii. of them at the leeſte, wherof the lorde chauncellour, the lorde treaſourer, the lorde preſydent of the kynges counſayle, or the lorde priuey ſeale to be one: ſhall haue power and auctorite, from tyme to tyme, as the caſe ſhall requyre, to ſette and tare reaſonable prices of all ſuch kyndes of victuals aboue ſpecyfyed, how they ſhalbe ſolde in groſſe, or by retayle, for reliefe of the kynges ſubiectes: And that after ſuche prices ſet and tared, in forme afore ſayde, proclamation ſhall be made in the kynges name, vnder the great ſeale, of the ſayde prices, in ſuche partyes of this realme as ſhall be conuenient for the ſame.

¶ And be it enacted, that all fermours, owners, broggers, and all other victuallers what ſo euer, hauyng or keppng any of the kindes of victuals afore reherſed to the entent to ſell, ſhal ſell the ſame to ſuch the kynges ſubiectes, as wyll bye them, at ſuch prices as ſhalbe ſet & tared by the ſayd proclamation, vpon the peynes to be expreſſed and limitted in the ſaid proclamation, to be loſte, forfayted, and leuied to the kynges vſe in ſuche wyſe, as by the ſame proclamation ſhalbe declared.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall not be hurtfull to mayres, ſhereffes, bayllieffes, or other officers of cityes, boroughes or townes corporate, nor to any perſon or perſons, or bodyes polityke, hauynge auctorite to ſet prices of ſuche victualles, or of any of them: but that they and euery of them may ſet prices therof, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctorite afore ſayd, that no perſon or perſons, oneles it be by lycence vnder the kynges great ſeale, from henſeforth ſhall carye or conuey, or cauſe to be caryed & conueyed, any corne, beoffes, muttons, beales, porkes, or any other of the aboue ſayde victualles, to any the parties beyonde the ſee, excepte onely for the victuallynge of the towne of Calais, Guiſnes, Hammes, and the marches of the ſame: And excepte for victuallyng of maiſters, mariners, and merchaūtes of ſhyppes

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paſſynge the ſees: and alſo excepte barelled butter, and meale to be caried to the parties of Iſelande, as hath ben accuſtomed, vpon peyne of forfaityng of the value of the thyng conueyde and caried into the parties of beyonde the ſee, contrarye to this acte, The one halfe therof to the vſe of our ſayde ſouerayngne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that wyll ſewe for the ſame, by byll, playnt, wryt, or informacion in any of the kynges courtis. In whiche ſuites the defendant ſhall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or eſſoyne for hym ſhall be allowed.

¶ An acte concernynge ſtandynge muet and peremptorie challenge. Cap. iii.

WHere at your parlyament holden at Weſtmynſter in the xxiii. yere of your mooſte noble reigne, amongeſt other thynges, it was ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no perſone nor perſones, which therafter ſhuld happen to be founde gyltie after the lawes of this lande for any maner of pety treaſon, or for any wylfull murder of malyce prepenſed, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles or other holy places, or for robbynge of any perſone or perſones in theyr dwellynge houſes, or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the ſame howſe, his wyfe, his chyldren, or ſeruantis then beinge within, and put in feare and drede by the ſame: or for robbing of any perſon or pſons in or nere aboute the high waye, or for wylfull burning of any dwelling houſes or bernes, wherin any grayn of cornes ſhal happen to be, nor any perſon or perſons, being founde giltie of any abbettement, procurement, helpynge, mayntaynynge, or counſaylynge, of or to any ſuche petite treaſon, murders, or felonies, ſhulde from thensforthe be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſuffre deathe in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhuld haue done for any the cauſes or offenſes aboue ſayd, if they were no clerkes: Suche as be within holye orders, that is to ſey, of the orders of ſubdeacon or aboue, all onely excepte, as more at large appereth by the ſayde acte. And for as moche as the ſaid acte extendeth onely to ſuche perſones, as be founde gyltie after the dewe courſe of the lawes of this lande, dyuers and many great arrant robbers, murderers, burglaries, and felons, that do offende and commytte diuers and many pety treaſons, robberies, burglaries, and felonies, contrarye to the tenour of the ſayde acte, percey uynge and clerely vnderſtandyng, that by the wordes of the ſame ſtatute and acte, that they ſhall not leſe the benefite and aduantage of theyr clergie, onles that they be founde gyltie after the due courſe of the lawe, vpon theyr arreynment of & vpon the ſaid felonies, robberies, and other offences before ſayd, ſo by them done and committed, by reaſon wherof, dyuers and many of the ſame robbers, and felons, vpon theyr areynemente of the ſame robberies and felonies, vppon theyr

their inditementes ageynste them, stonde muet, and sometyme challenge peremptorie ouer the nombre of. xx. or els wyl not directely answere to the same inditementes, wherupon they be so arreyned, accordyng to the order of the law. And for that that these especiall cases be not expressely comprysed and conteyned within the letter of the same statute, it is necessarie and expedient, that the same case be clerely and diffinitiuely exponded and declared by auctoritie of this present parlyament. And where also as dyuers and manye felons and robbers, that commytte and do dyuers and many greatte heynous robberies, and burglaries in one shyre, and conueye the spoyle and robberie into any other shire, and there be taken, indyted, and arrayned vpon felonie and felonous stealynge of the same goodes, in the same other shyre, then there, where the same robberies or burglaries were done and commytted, and not vpon the same robberie nor burglarie, for that it was not done nor commytted in the same shyre, where they be so indited and arreyned, and by reason therof the same mysdemeaners, felons, robbers, and burglaries haue and enioye the priuilege and aduantage of theyr clergie, to the great hurte and losse of the kynges prerogatiue, and great boldenes of suche offenders.

¶ In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, the lordes spiritualle and temporalle, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that euerye personne and personnes that is, or hereafter shall be indited of petye treason, wylfull bournynge of houses, murder, robberie, or burglarye, or other felonie, according to the tenour and meanynge of the same statute, and therupon arrayned, and do stonde muet of malice or froward mynd, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the nombre of. xx. or els wyll not or do not answere directly to the same inditement and felonie, wherupon he is so arreyned, shal from hensforthe lose the benefite and priuilege of his or their clergie, in lyke maner and forme, as if he had directly pleaded to the same petye treason, murder, robberie, burglarie, or other felonie, wheruppon he is so arreyned, not gyltie, and therupon hadde be founde gyltie, after the lawes of the lande.

¶ And by the same auctoritie be it farther enacted, that yf anye personne or persones hereafter be indited of felonye for stealynge of any goodes or cattals, in anye countie within this realme of Englande, and therupon arrayned and be founde gyltie, or stonde muet of malice, or chalenge peremptorye aboue the noumbre of twenty persones, as is aforesayde, or wyll not vpon his sayde arreynement directely aunswere to the same felonie: that then the same person and persons so arrayned and founde giltie, or stonde muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the nombre of twenty persones, or wyll not directly answere to the lawe, shall lose and be put frome the benefyte of their clergie, in lyke maner and fourme as they shulde haue ben, if they had ben indited and arreyned, and founde giltie in the same countye, where the same robberie or burgularie was doone

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or commytted, if it shall appere to the Justices, before whome anye suche felons or robbers be arrayned by euydence yeuen before theym, or by examination, that the same felonies, wherupon they be so arreyned, had ben suche robberies or burgularies, in the same shere, where suche robberies or burglaries were committed or done, by reson wherof they shoulde haue loste the benefice of theyr clergie by force of the sayde estatute, in case they had ben founde gyltie therof in the same shere, where suche robberies or burgularies were so commytted and done.

¶ An acte ageynste forstallynge and regratynge of fyshe. Ca. iiii.

Where as before this tyme dyuers actes of parliament haue ben made by the kynges most noble progenitours ageinst forstallers and regratours of vittaile and other marchandise in markettes and feyres within this realme of Englande, whiche former statutes, not onelye for lacke of due execution of the same, but also for lacke of condygne punishemente in the sayd statutes conteyned, be lyttel feared or regarded: for dyuers and many of the kynges subiectes contrarye to the meanynge of the sayde estatutes, nothynge regardynge the displeasure of almyghtye god, and of the kynges hyghnes, ne yet the loue and charite, that they ought to haue to theyr neyghbours and common wealthe of this realme, for theyr priuate lucre and syngular auayle, commonly in euery markette and feyre within this realme, do forstalle and regrate al maner of vittayle, as corne, wynes, fyshe, and flesshe, and specially in Sturbruge feyre, sayncte Jues feyre, and Elye feyre, beynge the moste notable feyres within this realme, for prouisions of fyshe, and mooste to the releue of the kynges subiectes, if suche forstallynge and regratynge myghte ye sette on syde, whiche is moche vsed by the inhabytauntes of London, and other the kinges subiectes, that onely before the sayde fayres, resorte to the easte see syde or see costes, and there bye vppon the stone all maner of fyshe, as well the fyshe that cometh from Islande, as the fyshe that is taken in the sayde eest see or see costis, nere adioynynge to the partyes of this realme, & incontinently they repare to the sayd Sturbruge feyre, and from thens to the sayd other feyres, and there they selle ageyne the said fyshe in maner at their owne price and pleasure, and not only sell the same fyshe there, but also they bye vp all maner of fyshe thether broughte by any persone, as saltefyshe, stockefysshe, lynge, haburden, lobbefyshe, and such other kyndes of saltefyshe, and sell the same ageyne in the same feyre or feyres: so that the kynges subiectis be dryuen to bye all suche fyshe, as to them is requisite and necessarie, at the seconde, thyrde, or fourth honde: by reason wherof a greatte scarsenes and derthe doothe insue to the kynges subiectes in all places throughout this realme, to the great

greate displeasure of al myghty god, and of the kynges highnes, and to the great impouerishynge of the kynges subiectes.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no maner of persone or persons, of what estate, degre, or condicion he or they be, other than suche persone or persones, as nowe be, or hereafter shall be marchant venterers to Islande for the sayde fyshe, or that be doggers, otherwise called doggermen, or suche as nowe, or hereafter shall be fyshermen, that actually labour for the takynge of the sayd fyshe in the sayd east see syde, or easte see coste, shall bye anye of the kyndes of the sayde fyshe at or vpon the stone, or at the sayd easte see syde, or easte see costis, to selle the same fyshe ageyne, or any part therof, at any of the sayd feyre or feires, called Sturbryge feyre, saynct Iues feyre, or Elye feyre: and that no maner of person or persons, other then the sayd merchantes venterers, doggers, or fyshermen, shal from hensforth sel any saltfyshe, stockefyshe, lynge, haburden, labefyshe, or suche other kynde of saltfishe, at or within any of the sayde feire or feyres, wherof the kynde of the sayd fyshe is vsually wont to be leyde vpon londe, at the sayde easte see syde.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no maner of persone or persones, beinge owner or owners of any of the sayd shyppe or shyppes, ne yet any maister or maisters of the sayd shippes, shal at any tyme hereafter, bie any dole or dooles of anye of the mariners, of anye of the sayde shyppe or shyppes, called the mariners dole fyshe.

¶ And also it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aboue sayd, that no maner of persone or persones from henseforthe, shall forstalle and bye any of sayd fyshe, in compynge to the sayde feyre or feyres, to selle the same agayne in any of the sayde feyres: excepte it be for the necessarie vitaylynge of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be there eaten and spente, durynge the tyme of the sayde feyres.

¶ It is also enacted, by the auctorytie aforesayde, that no maner of persone or persones at anye tyme hereafter shall bye anye stockefysshe, saltefysshe, lynge, haburden, labbefyshe, or any other kynde of saltefyshe, within the sayde feyre or feyres, to selle the same ageyne within the sayde feyre or feyres, excepte hit be for the necessarye vittaylynge of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be eaten and spente within the same feyres, durynge the tyme of the sayde feyre and feyres: Vppon the peyne to euerye persone or persones, soo offendynge anye of the sayde articles before rehersed, contrarye to the meanynge of this acte, to forfayte the same fysshe, so bought, forstalledde, or regratedde, The one halfe therof to be to the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to be to the partye, that wolle sease or take his accyon or suite for the same: And that hit be lefulle to all and syngular the kynges subiectes, to take the same fysshe so forfayte by the waye of seyser, or to sue for the same by originall wrytte, bylle, informacion in the kynges eschequire, or in any other the kynges courtes of record, or in the same courte of the sayde fayre or feyres, called the courte of Pe-

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powders, at his or theyr plesure: in which action or suite the defendant or defendantes shal not wage theyr law, ne yet be aided by essoyn or protection. And that the stewarde of euerye of the sayde feyres for tyme beinge, shall yerelye cause this presente estatute to be openly proclaymed and redde at three seuerall dayes within the same fayre, that is to saye at two seueralle dayes in the begynnynge of the same fayre, and atte a nother daye, in the middes of the same feire, to the entēt the kinges subiectes may be throughlye instructed of euerye article conteyned in this estatute, vpon the peyne of forfayture of his sayde office of Stewardeshyppe, and to forfayte to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, for euerye suche defaulte, that proclamation is not made, as is aboue sayde. xl.s.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, and be hit enacted, that none of the sayde merchantes venterers, doggermen, or fishermen, shall at anye tyme here after bye any fyshe at the Stone, at the easte see syde, or see costis, to selle the same fyshe ageyne in the sayde fayre or feyres, by coueyn or fraude, to the vse of any other person or persones, other then for theyr onely vse or vses, vppon lyke peyne as is aboue rehersed: And that euerye of the kynges subiectes may haue lyke aduantage by seysure of the same fyshe, or by way of action or suite, for the wynnynge or gaynynge of the same, as is afore sayde.

And also that no maner of person or persons hereafter be reputed or taken to be a marchant venterer, to take aduantage, or benefite of this acte: except his aduenture in the sayde shyppe or shyppes to Islonde, shalle amounte to the somme, of. xx. li. without fraude or couyn.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, shal be in any wyse hurtefull or prejudiciall vnto any person or persons, being fyshers dwellynge or inhabitinge in any place or places benorth the ryuer of Humbre: but that they and euery of them may vse theyr crafte and sellynge of all maner of fysshe, by them or anye of theym hereafter to be taken benorthe the sayde ryuer of Humbre afore sayde, in lyke maner and fourme, as they or any other theyr predecessours fishers haue vsed to doo here to fore: And that the byers of the same fyshe maye laufullye selle the same in any of the sayde fayres, in maner and forme as in the aboue sayde acte is conteyned, any thynge in the sayde act to the contrary made, or expressed to the contrary not withstandynge.

An acte for callendrynge of worsteades. Cap. v.

Where as at the parlyamente holden at Westminster, the. XXIII. daye of Januarie in the. v. yere of oure souerayne lordes reygne the kyng, that nowe is, there was an acte and one estatute made, prouided, and established, for the auoydyng of deceytes & falsnes, in worsteades, as welle, by reason of dyre callendrynge therof, with gummes, oyles, and presses, as also by veete callendrynge,

lendynge, by persons hauynge no counnynge in ordrynge of the same: whiche acte was made to endure but onely to the parlyamente then nexte folowynge. And for as moche as it is euidently knowen, that the same act and statute aforesayde, is very good and necessary for the common welth of this realme: Wherfore the kynge our soueraygne lorde by the aduyse and consent of his lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same hath ordeyned, enacted, and establysshed, that the sayde acte and statute, made in the.v. yere of his moste noble reygne aforesayde, and euery thyng therin conteyned, shall from the feaste of saynt Mychaell the archangell nexte comynge, continue and be good and effectuall in euery poynte and article of the same for euer.

And furthermore be it enacted and establysshed, by the auctorite aforesayde, for the common welth of the citie of Norwiche, and mayntenaunce, supportation, and vpholdyng of the houses, tenementes, and habitations of the same, that no maner persone vsynge the crafte or misterie of dyenge of worstedes, stamyns, or sayes, or of any of theym, nother by theym selfes, or any seruant, factour, deputie, or any other by his commaundement or assignement, from the feaste of Christmas nowe nexte ensuynge, shall vse to callender any worstedes, stamens, or sayes, or any other commodites made of worstede yarne, durynge all suche tyme as the same persone shall vse the misterie or crafte of dyenge aforesayde, vpon peyne to forfaute for euerye piece so dyed and callenderde by colour, couyn, fraude, or contrarie to the trewe meanynge and entent of this present act. xl.s. to be deuided in thre egall parties, the one part therof to the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and one other parte to the mayre for the tyme beinge, and the thirde parte to hym or theym that wylle sue for the same by bylle, action of dette, playnt, information, or otherwyse, in any of the kynges courtes: wherin none essone, delaye, or protection shalbe allowed.

An acte for the punyshement of the vice of buggerie.

FOr as moch as there is not yet sufficient & cõdigne punishmẽt, appointed & limitted by the due course of the lawes of this realme, for the detestable & abominable vice of buggeri cõmitted with mankind or beast. It may therfore plese the kinges highnes, with the assent of his lordes spiritual & temporal, & the cõmons of this present parlyament assembled, that it maye be enacted by auctorite of the same, that the same offence be from hensforth adiudged felony, and suche order and fourme of proces therin to be vsed agenste the offendours, as in cases of felonie at the common lawe. And that the offenders beynge herof conuicte by verdicte, confession, or outlaurie, shall suffre suche peynes of deathe, and losses, and penalties of theyr goodes, cattals, dettes, londes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as felons hemne accustomed to

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do accordynge to the order of the common lawes of this realme. And that no person offendynge in any suche offence, shalbe admitted to his clergye. And that Justices of peace shall haue power and auctorite within the limittes of theyr commissions and iurisdiction, to here and determyne the sayde offence, as they do vse to do in cases of other felonies. This acte to endure tyll the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

An acte agaynst kyllynge of yonge spaume or frye of yeles and Salmon. Capi. vii.

For as moche as great hurte and dayly inconuenience haue and do ensue vnto al the kynges subiectes of this realme by the gredy apetites and insatiable desire, whiche sondrye of them occupienge fyshynge, haue vsed, by takynge, kyllynge, and destroying the yonge spaume, frie, or brode of yeles and salmon, as welle in salte ryuers as in freshe ryuers, lakes, plashes, fennes, and marshes in manye parties of this realme, to the no littell hynderance and derogation of the common weale of the same, as also in killynge of salmons, when they be vnseasonable and not holsome for mans body, called commonly kypper salmons: It is therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that from the fyrste daye of Februarie nexte commynge, vnto the laste daye of July then nexte ensuenge, and so yerely from thensforth, durynge the space of tenne yeres, no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer they be, with any maner of nette, wele, or with any deuise or engine made of heare, canuas, or with any other cautele shall wyllyngly presume to take any frye, spaume, or brode of yeles, called yele fares, or Ell vares, in any ryuers or waters salte or fresshe, within this realme of Englande, or wales, or in the marches of the same. And ouer this that durynge the sayde ten yeres, no maner of person or persons, from the fyrst day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXV. vnto the first day of Septembre then nexte folowing, & so yerely from thensforth, during the saide .x. yeres shal presume willingly to take or destroye in or by meanes of any wele, butte, net, berd net of heare, tainning, lepe, hiue, crele, rawe web, lister, sier, or by any other engine in fludgate, salmon pipe, or at the tayle of any mille or were, or in any streites, riuers, rues, or brokes, salte or fresshe within the realme of Englande, Wales, Barwike, and the marches of the same, the yonge frie, spaume, or brode of anye kynde of salmon, called lakspinkes, smowtis, or salmon pele. And that no maner of persone or persones, of what degree or condition he shalbe of, from the feaste of the exaltation of the holye crosse, to the feaste of saynte Martine in wynter, durynge the sayde tenne yeres, shall willyngely by any meanes

afore sayde, or other wise kyll or distroye any salmons, not in season, called kypper salmons, within anye fresshe ryuer or salte ryuer, or in places where at that tyme suche salmons haue naturallye their repayre, within this realme of Englande, Wales, Barwyke, or within the marches of the same. And if any person or persones, after any of the sayd dayes limitted in this present acte, offende in any of the poyntes before rehersed, contrarie to the tenour, fourme, and purporte of anye parte of the same: then euerye suche persone or persones (soo offendynge) shall loose and forfayte for euery tyme of his or their suche offence, the summe of fyue poundes, and the fysshe. And also the vnlaufull nettis, and other vnlaufull engins or deuyses / what soo euer they be, made, kepte, or vsed for the kyllynge, takyng, or distroyenge of the sayde kypper salmons, or of anye of the yonge brode, spaume, or frye of yeles or salmon before rehersed. The one halfe of the sayde forfayture shalle be to the kynges hyghnesse, his heires, and successours, and the other halfe shall be to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of dette, bylle, playnte, or other wyse in anye courte of recorde within this realme, Wales, or Barwyke, or the marches of the same. And that the iustices of assise, and also the Justices of peace in euery assise and quarter sessions in al counties within this realme, and al lordis haunge courtes royall in Englande, Wales, or Barwike, & in the marches of the same, shall haue full power and auctorite, by vertue of this presente acte, not onely to enquire of and vpon the defaultes and offences, committed contrarye to the tenour and effecte of this presente acte: but also to se due punisshement and reformation therof, in forme afore said, from tyme to tyme, durynge the space of the sayde tenne yeres, as often as the case shall so require in euery behalfe.

An acte concernynge pauynge of Holburne, and other pauiments within the citie and suburbes of London. Ca. viii.

COmplayneth to your highnes, and to your high courte of parliament, not alonely youre subiectes and inhabitantes within the streete of Holborne, but also all the poore cariers and other youre subiectes, beynge common trauaylers, repayring wekelye and monthelye to youre cite of London, that where the sayde strete being the common passage for all cariages, caried from west and Northwest parties of the realme, was of late tyme so welle and substancially paued, that your subiectis hadde good and sure passage through the sayde strete, tyll nowe of late, for lacke of renewynge of the sayde pauinge by the landlordes, whiche dwell not within the citie, the wey is so noyous, and so full of sloughes and other incumbrances, that often tymes many of your subiectes, ridynge through the sayde strete and way, be in ieperdie of hurt, & haue almoste perisshed. Pleaseth it your hyghnes, and the lordes

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ſpirituall & tempoꝛal, & the cõmons in this pꝛeſent parlyament aſſembled, to enact, by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that all and ſingular perſons, theyꝛ heyres, and ſucceſſours, which naw haue, oꝛ herafter ſhal haue any londis, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamẽtis betwene the bꝛidge, called Holburne bꝛidge, and the barres at the weſt ende of the ſayd ſtrete, be it on the one ſide of the ſtrete and the other, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe, ſhal befoꝛe the feaſte of ſaynt Michael, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXIIII. ſufficiently paue oꝛ cauſe to be paued with pauing ſtone, a-longe from his oꝛ theyꝛ lõdes oꝛ tenementis, adioynyng to the high waye, all ſuche quantite of the ſaid ſtrete, & in ſuch places as the ſaid ſtrete at any tyme befoꝛe the making of this act, hath be pauid, vpon peyn to foꝛfayte to your highnes, your heires, & ſucceſſours, foꝛ euery yarde ſquare not ſufficiẽtly pauid by the ſaid day limitted & aſſigned in foꝛm befoꝛe expꝛeſſed. vi. d.

¶ And be it alſo enacted, by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that all and euerye perſone and perſones, hauynge any of the ſayde londis and tenementes in poſſeſſion oꝛ in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee taile, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe, adioynynge to the ſayd high way & ſtrete, theyꝛ heires and ſucceſſours ſhall from and after the ſaid feaſt of ſaynt Michel, the which ſhalbe in the ſayd yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXIIII. ſufficiently meintein the pauement of the ſaid way & ſtrete, againſt euery of theyꝛ londis oꝛ tenemẽtis, in ſuch & like foꝛme as is aboue declared, vpon peyne to foꝛfait to your highnes, foꝛ euery yard ſquare of the ſaid pauement, not ſufficiently paued, repared, & amended, as often as anye ſuche defaulte of anye perſone ſhall be pꝛeſented befoꝛe the maire & the aldermen of the ſame citie. vi. d. And that it be further enacted, by the auctoꝛite afoꝛeſaid, the ſaid maire & the alderme, foꝛ their time being may haue ful power & auctoꝛite to enquire in euery quarter of the yere, after the ſaid feeſt of ſaint Michaell, the which ſhalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXIIII. by the othe of. xii. men of the ſaid citie, aſwel of them that haue not pauid accoꝛding to the pꝛouiſion afoꝛeſayd, as alſo of them that remiſly oꝛ inſufficiently ſhal herafter meynteyne the ſame pauement, oꝛ any othet pauement within the ſaid cite & the ſubꝛbes of the ſame. And that the ſaid maire and the aldermen may haue power and auctoꝛite, after euery ſuche defaulte befoꝛe them pꝛeſented, to ſeſſe fynes by theyꝛ diſcretiõs, and the ſaid fines to be certified into the kinges eſchequire, and the barons therof to make pꝛoces by diſtreſſe to be take vpon the ſayde landes and tenementes, oꝛ otherwyſe by theyꝛ diſcretion, as wel foꝛ the ſayd fines aſſeſſed, as foꝛ theyꝛ penalties befoꝛe limitted.

¶ Pꝛouyded alway that if the leſſees of the ſayde landes, oꝛ of other londes within the cite, oꝛ ſuburbes of the ſame, do ſufficiently paue oꝛ repaire befoꝛe theyꝛ mantions oꝛ dwellynge places, the ſtretes, whiche haue vſed to be pauyd: that then they and euery of them ſhall defalke, abate, and reteyne in his oꝛ theyꝛ owne handes, as moche of the rentis dewe to the leſſours, as they can pꝛoue, to haue expended on the ſame pauynge, and the leſſoꝛ foꝛ ſo moche as that ſumme doth amounte to, to haue no action noꝛ

reentre for the none payment of the same: Excepte it be otherwyse agreed betwene them.

And be it further enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that lyke order be observed for pauyng of the stretes in the borough of Southwarke, as is before mencioned to be done in the cytie of London. So always that the reformation and punyshement of the offences there, shall rest in the maire of the citie of London, as farre onely as is within the iurisdiction of the sayd citie: and the residue in the Justices of peace of the countie, where the same stretes be. And that the same Justyces of peace shal by vertue herof, haue power to make inquerie vpon the premisses: and here, determine, and punyshe the defaultes in maner and fourme aforesayde.

An acte concernynge Pewterers. Cap. ix.

Ntheir moste lamentable wyse shewen, and pytiously complaynen vnto the kinges moste royall maiestie, and to this his moste hygh courte of parlyamente, the kynges moost humble, poore, and obeysante subiectes, the mayster wardens and poore felowshyp of the crafte and mysterie of peuterers, as wel of the cytie of London, as of al other places within this ralme of Englande: that where the sayde crafte or mystery before this tyme hath ben one of the best handy craftes within this realme, which hath only growen and continued by meane of dyuers good actes and statutes made for the true exercyse of the same, wherof one was made in the .xix. yere of the reygne of the kinges moost renowmed father, whose soule god pardone, and one other was made in the fourth yere of the kynges moste victorious reigne, concernyng the craftes of peuterers and brasiers, of and for the true makyng mixtyng and sellinge of good and true peuter and brasien vessels, and also for exercysynge and vsynge of true weyghtes and beames to be occupyed by the sellers of any suche peuter or brasien vesselles within this realme: so that none of the kynges subiectes, nor any other persone shulde by any sale of any false myxed brasien and pewter vessell, or any vntrewe weyghtes be deceyued, as by the sayde estatutes more playnely dothe appere. Whiche good estatutes duely put in execution, hath caused the said craft to encrese and multiplie, to the greatte profyte and vtilitie of a great nombre of the kinges subiectis, and the commoditie of peuter vessell moche to be had in reputation in all strange regions and countreys, vntyll nowe of late dyuers euyll disposed persones, beynge the kinges subiectes borne, whiche haue ben apprentises and brought vp in the exercyse of the sayde crafte of peuterers, haue nowe of late for their singular lucre repayred into strange regions and countreis, and there do exercise the sayd crafte of peuterers, teachinge straungiers not onely the coumyng of myxtinge and forgeing of all maner of peuter vessell, but also do teache al thynges belongyng to

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the sayde crafte of peuterers: by meane wherof there is not only brought daily into this realme out of strange regions to be solde, great nombre of thinges made of pewter, vntruely myxted and made of tynne, wherwith the kynges subiectes be daily deceyued, and the people of straunge countreis greatly instructed in the coumynge of the sayd crafte of peuterers: so that therby not onely a great nombre and quantitie of peuter vessel and other thynges of peuter, made in dyuers sortes and facyons amountynge to a greatte value, whiche was dayly and contynuallye wonte to be caryed and conueyde oute of this realme by marchauntes into straunge regions and countrayes, there to be solde and vendyd. wherby the commoditie of tynne made into peuter vessell, whiche hath ben had in great estimation, as thynges very necessary and commodious, and the kynges customes therby moche aduaunsed, is nowe like vtterly cease and decaye, and not to be esteemed, as heretofore hath bene, but also the sayde crafte of peuterers, which at this day setteth and kepeth in worke and occupation, a great nombre of people, shall be vtterly vndone, and a great multitude of the kinges naturall subiectes therby fall into vdelnes, to the great impouerysshement of this realme, if spedy remedy for the redresse of the premysses be not prouyded. In tender consideration wherof, and for reformation of the premisses, it may please the kynges hyghnes, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same to ordeyne and enacte, that no person nor persons hereafter at any tyme nowe inhabitynge, or whiche hereafter shall inhabyte within this realme, shall bye, or otherwyse take by exchaunge for other wares any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made, oute of this realme, of tynne or myxte with tynne, as platters, dyshes, saucers, pottis, basons, ewers, flagons, goblettis, saltis, saltsalers, spones, or any other thynge made of tynne or peuter, as aforesayde, what so euer it be, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same ware, in whose hãdes so euer it may be founde or taken: and also lawfull money currant in this realme, to the full value therof. The one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the fynders of the same.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that it shalbe lefulle to the maister and wardens of the sayde crafte of peuterers, as well within the citte of London, as within euery other citie, borough, and towne of this realme, where suche wardens be, and where no such wardens be, to the heed officers or gouernour, heed officers or gouernours of the same citie, borough, or towne for the tyme beinge, to appoynte dyuers persones mooste experte in knowledge of the same, to make serche and seisure, and to take in to theyr handes and possession all suche wares, as hereafter shall be brought contrarye to the true entent and effecte of this presente acte, in whose so euer handes or possession any suche shall be founde.

¶ And also be it enacted, by the auctorite aboue sayde, that no person nor

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persones, occupienge the sayde crafte or occupation of pewterers within this realme, shall sette on worke or retayne in his or theyr seruyce any person or persones to be his or theyr apprentice or iurneyman beinge straunger borne oute of this realme, vpon peyne to forfayte for euerye suche apprentice and iourneyman. x. li. sterlynge. And that no straunger, borne out of this realme, shal occupie, exercise, or vse from the feaste of Penticost nexte commynge, the sayde crafte of pewterers, ne worke anye maner of vessell or other ware afore sayde, to be made of tynne or peuter, within anye place or places of this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of tenne pounde sterlynge: And also vpon peyne of forfayture of the same pewter or tynne so wroughte, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that no persone nor persons beinge borne within this realme, occuppenge or exercisynge the sayd crafte of pewterars, shall at any tyme hereafter resorte in to any straunge regions or countreis, there to vse, teache, or exercyse the sayd craft of pewterers, vpon peyne to lose the priuilege and benefyte of an Englyshe man. And if in case anye of the kynges subiectes, at this presente tyme beynge dwellynge in any straunge countreye or region, and there occupienge the sayd crafte of pewterers, do not repayre in to this realme within thre monthes nexte after request and warnynge to hym to be gyuen, by writynge seled with the common seale of the wardens of the sayd craft within the said cite of London, & here in this realme continually from henseforthe dwell and inhabit: that then and from thenseforthe he shalbe reputed & taken as none Englyshe man, but shall stonde and be from thenseforth oute of the kynges protection.

¶ And for as moche as sondrye puelle disposed persons, whiche comonlie ben called haukers, by auctorite of the kynges letters patentes or placard, do not onelye go aboute from place to place within this realme, vsinge byeng & sellynge of brasse and peuter, and by colour & pretence of the same lycences or placardes, vse vnlauful and deceyuable weightes & beames, but also do vse to sel both brasse and peuter, whiche is not good nor treuly, nor laufully myxte nor wrought, to the great decepte of the kynges true liege people, contrarie to the forme and effect of the sayde good acte and statute made in the sayde. iiii. yere of the kynges moste noble reyne: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that al suche licences and placardes, here to fore hadde, made, or graunted to anye suche persone or persons, contrarie to the trewe meaninge, forme, & effecte of this statute, shall be from henseforth by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayde acte of parlyament, concernynge the crafte of peuterers and brasiers, made in the sayd. iiii. yere for dyuers causes and considerations in the same act conteyned, amongest other thynges it is expressed, that no person or persons, vsynge the sayde crafte of peuterers or brasiers, shoulde from thenseforthe selle or chaunge anye pewter or brasse, newe or olde, at anye place or places within this re-

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alme, but onely in open feyres or markettes, or in theyr owne dwellynge houses, but if they were desired by the byers of such wares, vpon peyne of forfaiture for euery suche defaulte. x.li.

¶ For as moche as the same forfayture is to the onely vse of the kynges hyghnes, and that any partye serchynge or findinge the same, is not intitled to haue any benefite therby: it hath nat ben knowen, that any person or persons haue taken any peine to enserch or make any inquerie therof, by reason wherof diuers and many cupl disposed persons, vsinge byenge and sellynge both of brasse and of pewter, and not regardyng the sayde good acte, neyther the sayde penaltie, dayly go aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and from howse to howse, to selle suche peuter and brasse, which is not good, and also vse decepuable weyghtes and beames, as they dyd before the makinge of the sayde acte, to the greatte hurte and decepte of the kinges true liege people and subiectes. Wherfore be hit enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that as wel the moytie of the sayd forfayture of x.li. lymmitted in the sayde statute, made in the sayde fourthe yere, as also the moytie of all other forfaytures before expressed, and euerye of them be a shalbe to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours: and the other moyte of the same forfaytures, and euery of them, to the vse of hym or them, that shall sease, fynde, or prosecute the sayd forfaytures or any of them, or that shall sue for the same in any competente courte or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, byll, playnt, or information, wherin the defendant shall in no wyse be admitted to wage his lawe, nor anye protection or essoyne to anye person or persones, whiche shall be unpeched to haue offended contrarye to the forme and effecte of this estatute, shalbe allowable. This acte to endure to the last day of the next parliament.

¶ An act concernyng the othe of commissioners of sewers. Ca. x.

BE it enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the acte late made for sewers, and the commission therin recited, shalbe extended, vsed, & put in execution in the towne and marches of Calais, accordynge to the tenour of the same commission in lyke effect, as it is enacted to be put in execution within this realme: & that no person shalbe compelled to be sworne, or otherwyse bounde to sytte or trauayle in execution, of any cõmission of sewers within this realme, oneles that he be dwellynge within the countie, wherof he is or shall be assigned to be commissioner: And for Caleis, and the said marches therof, oneles that he be dwellynge within the same towne of Caleis or marches.

¶ And bycause that dyuers persons heretofore assigned to be commissioners haue refused to be sworne, accordyng to the sayde former act, wherby dyuers commissions, heretofore made, remayn hitherto without effectual execu-

execution: Be it therfore enacted, that if any person assigned or to be assigned, to be suche commissioner of sewers, being required hereafter by suche person or persons, as haue or shall haue auctorite by the kynges writte, or otherwise, to receyue or accepte the othe comprysed in the sayd former act, euery person that so refuseth to take the same othe, or vpon that requeste made, do not receyue the same othe, and that refusal or contempte done in the chauncery, or retourned in to the chauncery with the saide writte, shal lose and forfayte for the same contempte to the kynge our souerayne lorde, fyue markes: And so to lose from tyme to time fyue markes for euery such contempt, as shall be done or retourned into the said chancery, ayenst any suche person, oneles that he in the same chauncerie do shewe and allege in the said terme, wherin suche returne shall be made ayenste hym, sufficient and reasonable matter and cause to be allowed by the lorde Chauncellour for his excuse and discharge in that behalfe.

¶An acte to auoyde distruction of wyldfowle. Ca. xi.

Where before this tyme there hath ben within this realme great plentie of wyldfowle, as dukkes, mallardes, wigeons, tealis, wyldegeese, and dyuers other kyndes of wyldfowle, wherby not onely the kynges moste honourable householde, but also the houses of the noble men & prelatis of this realme, haue be furnished for the necessary expences of the same houses at conuenient prices, but al so al markets of the same realme were sufficiently furnished with wildfoule there to be sold in such wyse, that suche as were mete to make prouision of the same for theyr houses, might at reasonable prices, at the same markets, be therof prouided. Neuer the lesse dyuers persons nere inhabiting in the countreys and places within this realme, where the substance of the same wyldfoule hath bene accustomed to brede, haue in the sommer season, at suche tyme as the sayde olde fowle be mowted and not replenished with fethers to flye, nor the yonge fowle fully fethered perfectly to flye, haue by certayne nettis and other ingins and policies vtterly taken great numbre of the same fowle, in suche wise, that the brode of wyldefoule is almooste therby wasted and consumed, and daily is lyke more and more to wast and consume, if remedye be not therfore prouyded: Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shall not be laufull to any person or persons hereafter betwene the laste day of May, and the laste daye of Auguste, to take or cause to be taken any suche wyldefoule, with nettes or anye other ingins, vpon peyn of one yeres prisonment, and to forfayt for euery foule so taken, iiii.d. The one halfe therof to be to the kynge our souerayn lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of dette in

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any of the kynges courtis: and in the whiche action none essoyne nor protection shalbe allowed, nor wager of lawe receyued.

¶ And be hit enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of theyr commission, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, here, and determyne the offences afore sayde, lyke as they commonly vse and do in cases of trespace.

¶ Prouided always that it shall be laufull to any gentyll man, or anye other that may dispende.xl. s. by the yere, of freeholde, to hunte and take suche wyldfowle with theyr spaniels only, without vsyng any nette or other gins for the same, excepte it be a longe bowe or longe bowes.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the sayde auctorite, that frome the fyrste daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIIII. vnto the laste daye of June then nexte ensuynge, and so yerely from thensefoorth, no maner of person or persones shall presume by daye or by nyght, willyngely to withdrawe, purloyne, take, distroye, or conueye any maner of egges of any kynde of wyldfowle, from or in any neste, place or places, where they shall chaunce to be layde by anye kynde of the same wyldfowle, vpon peyne of imprisonement for one yere, and to lese and forfayte for euery egge of any crane or bustarde, so distroyed, purloyned, withdrawe conueyde, or taken from any neste or place. xx. pence: and for euery egge of euery bittour, heronne, or shouelarde. viii.d. and for euery egge of euery malarde, tele, or other wylde fowle, one peny. The one moyte therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wolle sue for the same, in forme aforesayde: wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shall be allowed. And that all Justices of peace, within the lymittes of theyr commission, shall haue full power and auctorite to enquire, here, & determyne the same, in forme before rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte extende not, nor be hurtefull at anye tyme hereafter to any person or persons, that wolle distroye anye crowes, chowghes, rauons, and bosardes, or theyr egges, or to any other fowle or theyr egges, not comestible, nor vsed to be eaten.

¶ An acte concernynege the atteynder of Elizabeth Barton, and other, whiche vnder the colour of hipocrisie, dissimuled sanctite, and false feyned miracles, traitorously intended to distroy our souerayne lorde the kynge, and to depryue hym of his royalme and dignitie royall. Ca. xii.

THe lordes and commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseechen the kynges highnes, that for the declaration of his most pure & syncere cõscience, in the deuorce & separation lawfully had & done betwene his maiestie, & the ryght excellent princes, the lady Catharine, & for due punishment to be had of suche persons as maliciously malignyng ageinst the same, haue traiterously

attempted many notable actes, intendynge therby the disto urbance of the peace & tranquillitie of this realme, & for the repression, example, & reforma tion of the malices & malignities, whiche hereafter may be falsely conspi red & compassed by suche euyll doers to make diuision within this realme, that it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye.

¶ VVHERE OVR sayde souerayne lorde, lyke a good and a vertuous prince beinge afflicted and sore incombred in his conscience with the ma riage, whiche was solempnised betwene his maiestie, and the sayde right excellent princes the lady Catherine, late wyfe of the ryght excellent prince Arture, naturall brother to our sayd souerayne lorde, to the whiche prince Arture, the sayd lady Catharine was laufully maried, and by him carnal ly knowen, for the only discharge of his conscience ageinst almighty god, by all true wayes and meanes inserched, studied, deuised, and consulted, as wel with sondrie vniuersities of christendome, as with a greatte num bre of excellent clerkes lerned in diuinitie, of the validitie and invalidittie of the sayde mariage solempnised betwene his highnes, and the said lady Catherine beinge before the sayd mariage his sayd brothers wyfe, and by him carnally knowen. And after the determinate and playne iugementes of the sayd sondry vniuersities and well lerned menne, by reason of inser ches in the holy scriptures of god, by a greatte aduise and deliberation, it was declared and signified vnto our sayd souerayne lorde, that the saide mariage solempnised betwene his highnes, and the sayde lady Catharine, was prohibited and detested by the lawes of almyghty god, our said soue rayne lorde therupon pursued for a iuste and laufull separation and de uorce to be had, betwene his highnes and the sayde lady Catharine from the bondes of the sayde vnlaufull & detested mariage, as to a good catho like prince besemeth to do in that behalfe, to the intente that his maiestie, vnder the bondes of a laufull mariage, consonant and agreable vnto the lawes of almyghty god, myght haue issue and procreation for the welthe, peace, reste, tranquillitie, & suretie of this his realme and subiectes of the same: whiche deuorse and separation, is nowe laufully had, and our saide souerayne lorde iustly and lawfully maryed to his most dere and entier ly beloued wyfe quene Anne, and by her hath had issue, and is lyke (god beinge pleased) to haue moo, to the greatte comforte, reioyce, and suretie of all his subiectes of this realme. And albeit that our sayde souerayne lorde, lyke a good catholyke kynge, for the onely discharge of his consci ence, and for the welthe and suretie of this his realme, mooste prudently, moste deliberately, moste gentylly, moste mekely, and mooste charitablye proceded in the inserchynge and knowyng of the validitie and inualiditie of the sayd detested & vnlaufull mariage, and therin paynfully trauailed by many yeres, not only to the great inquietnes & trouble of his mynd, but also to his inestimable costis and expēses: yet neuertheles, diuers & sondry wylful & inobedient subiectis of this realme, whose names and offences shal appere and be declared hereafter, being maliciously fixed in a cōtrary

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opinion ageinst the pure iugement of the kynges owne conscience, and also the determinations of the said sondry vniuersities and well lerned men, wel perceyuing that they, beinge but a fewe in nombre, coude not by their said wylfull and peruerse opinions, grounded of malice, corruption, and affection, hinder ne interrupte the said deuorse and separation by any lawfull meanes, dyd therfore, by fals feined hipocrisie, dissembled sanctitie, and cloked holynes, not only set forth and put in the heedes of a great nombre of the subiectes of this realme, as well nobles as other spirituall and temporall persons, that they had knowlege by reuelation from almyghty god & holy saintes, that god shulde be displeased with our said soueraigne lord, for his said proceedinges in the said deuorse & separation of the said detested & vnlawful mariage, but also furnished emonges other thinges, that god had reueled to an holy woman, whose name herafter shalbe mencioned in this act, that in case his highnes proceded to thaccomplyshment of the said deuorse, & maried an other, that then his maiestie shuld not be king of this realme, by the space of one month after, and in the reputation of god, shuld not be kyng one day, nor one houre, with many other fals feined and dissimulate fables, tales, and lyes by them vnlawfully & traitrously practised, deuised, imagined, and conspired aswel to the blasphemy of almighty god, as ageinst our said soueraign lord, as by the perticulers therof, hereafter more at large in this present acte shalbe expressed. That is to saye,

¶ FYRST one Elizabeth Barton (nowe beinge Nonne professed in the house and priory of saint Sepulcres of Canturbury) which longe afore she was professed nonne, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the paroche of Aldington in the countie of Kent, and hapned to be visited with sicknes, & by occasion therof brought in suche debilitie and weakenes of her braine, bycause she could not eate ne drinke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmitie, she semed to be in traunses, and spake and uttered many folishe & ydel wordes. And one Richard Master clerke, being person of the said paroche of Aldington, in the saide countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late archbyshop of Canturbury a far larger report, cõcerning the hipocrisie, traũses, & speches of the said Elizabeth, than he coulde iustifie and abide by, and after that he was cõmanded by the said archbishop to giue good attendance vpon her, if she shuld fortune to haue any mo suche traũses and speches, & to sende him knowlege therof, to the intent to maunteine, vphold, and verifie suche reporte as he had made, as wel to the archbyshop aforesaide, as to other, of the wonderfull traunses and speches of the said nonne: falsely and craftily informed the sayd Elizabeth, that the meruaylous wordes, whiche she spake in her traunses, afore his riding to tharchbyshop aforesaid, proceded of thinspiration of the holy goste: & that she was greatly to be blamed, yf she wolde hide or dissemble the wonderful workes of god shewed in her: For afore this his said information & instruction, she said constantly, that she coulde not remembre, that she spake any suche notable wordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her by the

ſaid Richarde Maſter. Whiche Elizabeth, being in this maner of wiſe often times ꝑſuaded, ꝓcured, & infoꝛmed by the ſaid ꝑſon of Aldingtō, toke boldnes & coꝛage to foꝛge, feine, & countrefait ſuch maner of trāſes & craftie ſpeches as the ſaid ꝑſon of Aldington told her that ſhe vſed in her ſickneſs afoꝛe he went to the ſaid archbyſſhop. And whan the ſaide Eliſabeth had vſed this maner of fals & feined conterfeting foꝛ a ſeſon, & was ꝑfect therin (ſo that the fame therof was gretly ſpꝛed abꝛode in thoſe ꝑtes of kēt) then the ſaid ꝑſon, to thintēt afoꝛeſaid, & to the entent the peple ſhuld giue moꝛe feith & credēce vnto her, & becauſe he wold haue increſed the deuotiō of the peple in coming on pilgremage to a chapel ſet in Court at ſtrete afoꝛeſaid, within his ſaid poche dedicate in the honour of our lady, foꝛ his own lucre & aduātage imagined, deuiſed, compaſſed, and declared with the aid, helpe, & counſaile of one Edward Bocking monke ꝓfeſſed in the monaſterie in Chꝛiſtis church in Cāturbury, & doctoꝛ in diuinite, that the ſaid Eliſab. being in the extaſy & extremitie of her ſickneſs, in a maner diſtract in a trauſe, ſhuld ſay emonges other wōderful woꝛdes, that ſhe ſhuld neuer take helth of her body, tyl ſuch tyme as ſhe had viſited the image of our lady, being in the ſayd chapell at Courte at ſtrete afoꝛeſayde: and that our ladye hadde appered vnto her, and ſhewed her, that if ſhe came to the ſayd chapel at the daye to her appoynted, ſhe ſhoulde be reſtoꝛed to her helthe by myꝛacle, where in very dede ſhe was reſtoꝛed to her perfyte helthe by dyete and phiſyke, and by the courſe of Nature, whiche expelled the matter being cauſe of her ſyckneſs, in the meane tyme whyles the ſaide perſone of Aldington was with the ſaid archebyſhop, as is afoꝛe reherſed. And all be it the ſaide Eliſabeth was thus naturally reſtoꝛed to her helthe, yet ſhe beinge accuſtomed and acquainted with the maner and facion of hir diſtract trauſes, by the counſaile, conſpiraci, and cōfederacie of the ſaid Edward Bocking and Richard Maſter, dyd falſely ꝓactiſe, vſe, and ſhewe vnto the people, diuers and meruaylous ſodeyne alterations of her ſenſible partes of her body, craftely vtteringe in her ſayde feyned and fals trauſes, dyuers and many vertuous and holy woꝛdes, tendynge to the rebuke of ſynne, and in reꝛouinge of ſuche newe opinions, as then beganne to ſpꝛinge in this realme, whiche ſhe called heriſies, as ſhe was induced and taught by the ſaid Edwarde Bockynge, and Rycharde Maſter, vſynge all the wayes of falſe hipocriſie, to thintent the people ſhuldе gyue beleſe and credence vnto her, wherby they myghte be the ſooner bꝛoughte into the deteſtable crymes of blaſphemie and idolatrie ageynſte almyghty god. And the ſayde Edwarde Bockynge, beinge malicioufly fixed in his opinion ageynſte the kynges hyghenes in the ſayde deteſted matrimonie, and intendynge in his mynde afterwardes foꝛ his parte, falſely and traytrouſely to vſe the ſayde Eliſabeth, as a diabolyke inſtrument, to ſtyꝛe, moue, and ꝓuoke the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, to mourmour and grudge ageynſt the maieſtie of our ſoueraygne loꝛde, and all his iuſte and laufull ꝓcedynges, in the ſayde deuoꝛſe and ſeparation, as after he dyd

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in bery dede, for thaccomplyshyng of his said fals malicious & traytrous intentis falsely deuised and conspired with the said Richarde, that the said Elizabeth shuld shewe and manifest her selfe to the people, to be an excellēt vertuous and an holy woman, and that al her wordes and dedes shuld appere to the worlde, to procede of a marueylous holynes, rebukynge the cōmon sinnes and vices of the worlde, as though she were taught and inspired of the holy spirite of god. And not onely moued and counsailed the said Elizabeth thus to vse her selfe, surmittinge to her that she spake suche thinges in the extasie of her sicknes, that came by thinspiration of god, but also counsailed and procured the sayde Elizabeth to be brought & conueide to the saide chapel of our lady, and she therin openly in the presence of the people (that there shuld be assembled by their procurementis) shuld vse and experiment such lyke transes and alterations of her face, & other the outward sensible partis of her body, as she vsed in thextremitie and extasie of her said sickenes. To whose counsailes and aduertisementes the said Elizabeth agreed. Wherupon at a day by them apointed and agreed, the said Edward and Richard, labored, solicited, and procured aboue the numbre of.ii.thousand psons, to repaire to the said chapel, surmitting that the said Elizabeth (which as they sayd) had meruailous & many visions & reuelations of god, shuld be brought thether, & there receiue her helth by miracle of our lady, whose image was in the said chapel. By reson of whiche fals feined and detestable conspiracie and hipocrisy, at the day by them apointed, there assembled to the said chapell aboue the nōbre of.ii.thousande people. At which day also, the said Edward Bocking and Richard Maister procured and caused the sayd Elizabeth to repaire to the said chapell, where the said Elizabeth, albeit she at that time, & long afore was restored to helth of her body, & discharged of her tormētes and afflictions, which she had in the extasie of her sicknes: yet neuertheles by the procurement & crafty counsel of the said Edward Bocking, & Richard Maister, dyd falsely feine & shewe vnto the people in the same chapel many alterations of her face and other outward sensible partes of her body, and falsely feined & shewed her self in trances, vttering wondrous wordis, as she was afore subtilly & craftily induced and taught by the said Richard and Edward to do. And emonges other thinges, she vttered, that it was the pleasure of god, that the said Edward Bockinge shuld be her gostely father, & that she shulde be a religious womanne, as she was taught by the saide Edwarde Bockynge, and Rycharde Maister. And within a whyle after demonstration of suche fals feined and dissimuled traunses, she appered to the people to be sodeynly reueled from her sicknes and afflictions: by the intercession and meanes of the image of our lady beinge in the same chapell. By meanes of whiche false feyned hypocrisie, dissimuled and cloked sanctitie, so conspired and craftily imagined by the said Edwarde Bocking and Richard Maister, the said Elizabeth was brought into a meruailous fame, credit, and good opinion of a great multitude of the people of this realme. And to increce the

fame of the ſaid fals feined hipocriſie, the ſaid Elizabeth afterwardes, by the counſaile and procurement of the ſaid Edward Bockyng, entered into the religion, & became a nonne profeſſed in the ſaid priorie of ſaint Sepulcres, to whom the ſaid Edwarde Bockinge had commonly his reſorte, not without probable, vehement, and violent ſuſpition of incontinencie, pretendyng to be her goſtly father by goddis appoyntment. And by conſpiracie betwene her and him cauſed hir ſtyll to perſiſte and abyde in the practiſyng of her ſaid fals hipocriſie and diſſemblynge trances and raptis: And that ſhe ſhuld ſurmit to the people, that whan ſhe was in ſuch ſimuled alteration of her ſenſible partis of her body, that ſhe was then rapt by almighty god from thaffections of this worlde, and tolde by the holy ſpirit of god, many thinges that ſhuld folow to the world for punyſhment of the ſinnes of the princis and the peple. And that ſhe ſhuld alſo ſay, that ſhe was moche prouoked and tempted as well to the ſinne of the fleſhe, as otherwiſe, by her goſtly emnye the deuyl, at dyuers and ſondry times, and in diuers & ſondry ways and facions. And yet neuertheles, that ſhe by the grace of god was preſerued, and ſtedfaſtly reſiſted ſuche temptations. By occaſion of which counſaile & procurement of the ſaid Edward Bockyng, the ſaid Elizabeth, by continuaunce of tyme toke ſuche a courage vpon her, that ſhe falſely feined & ſaid, that ſhe had many reuelations of almyghty god, and his holy ſaintes, with heuenly lyghtes, heuenly voices, heuenly melodies and ioyes, and ſpecially in a chapell of ſaint Giles in the ſaid nonnerie: to the whiche chapel ſhe oftentimes reſorted to receiue viſions & reuelations, as cõmanded by god, as ſhe falſely reported, and ſpecially by night, ſaying that the dorture dore was made open vnto her by goddis power, vttering the ſame aſwel to the ſaid Edward Bockyng, as to dyuers other perſons. By the which her fals feined reuelations & cloked hipocriſy, ſhe was reputed amõges many people of this realme, to be a very holy womã inſpired with god, where in very dede, ſhe neuer had viſion or reuelation from god, as ſhe hath plainly & openly confeſſed her ſelfe. And therfore her ſtealinge forth of the dorture in the night (which was ones or twiſe wekely) was not for ſpiritual buſines, nor to receiue reuelations of god, but rather for bodily cõmunication & pleſure with her frendes, which coude not haue ſo good leiſure & oportunite with her by day. And for ratification of her fals feined reuelatiõs, the ſaid Edward by cõſpiraci betwene him & the ſaid Eliſabeth reueled the ſame to the moſt reuered father in god, william late archbiſhop of Cãturbery, who by fals & vntrue ſurmiſes, tales and lies of the ſaid Edward & Eliſab. was allured, brought, & induced to a credite therin, & made no diligẽt ſerches for trial of their ſaid falſhodes & cõfederatiõs, but ſuffrid & admitted the ſame to the blaſpheny of almighty god, & to the gret diſceit of the prince & peple of this realme. And for a perpetual memory of the ſaid fained & diſſimuled hipocriſie & fals reuelations of the ſaid Eliſab. the ſaid Edward Bocking, Richarde Maſter, & one Johñ Dering, a monke in the ſayd monaſterie of Chriſtis church forſaid, made write, & cauſed to be writ-

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ten sondry bokes bothe great and smalle, bothe printed and writtē, con-
cernyng the particularites of the said false & feined hipocrisie and reuelati-
ons of the sayde Elizabeth, or the defence or great prayse of the same:
Surmittynge and puttynge forthe the same false and feyned practyses
and reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth to be iust and true myracles, shewed
by almyghty god in the fauour of the sanctite of the sayd Elizabeth, where
in dede they ben and were falsely deuised, compassed, conspired, written,
and mayntayned by the sayde Elisabeth, Edwarde Bockynge, Rychарde
Master, and Johñ Deringe, to thonely intent to bringe the sayde Eliza-
beth in the fame and credite of the people of this realme, wherby the peo-
ple sholde the more be apte and disposed by her false cloked hypocrisie and
sanctite, to commytte the crimes of blasphemy and hydolatrie agaynste
god, & also the soner induced by the false reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth,
to murmur, gruge, & be of euyl opinō ageinst the maiestie of our said soue
rayne lord, to the great peryl & dangier of his most royal person. And one
Edward Thwaites gent. translated and wrote diuers quaires and shietes
of paper, concerning the said fals feined reuelations & miracles of the said
Elizabeth. And also one Thomas Laurence of Canturbury, being regester
to the archedecon of Canturbury, at the instance and desire of the said Ed-
ward Bocking, wrote a gret boke of the said fals and feined miracles and
reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth in a fatre hande, redy to be a copie to the
printer, when the sayde boke shulde be put to stampe.

¶ Amōges which fals & feined reuelations surmised by the said Elizabeth
and put in writtinges in diuers bokes by the fals conspiracie, meanes, and
procurement of the said Edward Bocking, Richard master, Johñ Dering
and other theyr complices, there is expressed, that the deuyl shulde appere
to the said Elizabeth, in diuers facions, somtymes lyke a man wantonly a-
parayled, somtime like a birde deformed, and somtime otherwise. And that
Mary Magdalene shuld oftē apere to the said Elizabeth, and reuele to her
many reuelations. And at one tyme shuld deliuer to her a letter written in
heuen, Parte wherof was lymned with golden letters, where in dede the
same letters were written with the hande of a monke of saint Augustins in
Canturbury named Haukherst. ¶ There was also written and
cōteined emonges the said fals & feined miracles & reuelations, that when
the kinges highnes was at Caleis in the enteruewe betwene his maiestie
& the frenche king, & hering masse in the churche of our lady at Caleis, that
god was so displesed with the kinges highnes, that his grace saw not that
tyme at the masse the blessed sacrament, in fourme of breade: for it was ta-
ken away from the priest (being at masse) by an angel, and ministred vnto
the said Elizabeth, then being there present & inuisible, & sodenly conueid &
rapt thens agein by the power of god in to the sayd nonnery, where she is
professed, with many other fals feined fables & tales deuised, conspired, &
defended by the sayde Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, and Johñ Deringe,
written as miracles in the sayd bokes for a memorall to set forth the fals

& feined hipocrifie and cloked ſanctitie of the ſaide Eliſabeth to the people of this realme, as by the ſayde ſondrye bokes and writynges therof made, ſeen, and examined by the kynges moſt honourable counſaile more playnlye appereth: In whiche bokes be wrytten ſuche termes and ſentences of reproche & ſclander ageynſt the kynges hyghnes, & the quene, which were to ſhameful to be written ageynſt the moſt vile and vngracious perſons liuyng, whiche to here, it wold abhorre euery trewe ſubiecte of this realme.

¶ And after the ſayde Elizabeth, by ſuche her falſe and feyned hypocriſie and diſſimuled ſanctitie was brought in a great brute and fame of the people in ſondry parties of this realme, then the ſayde Edwarde Bockinge by procurement and ſecrete conſpiracie of dyuers perſons vnknowen, whiche maligned ageynſt the procedynges of the kynges hyghnes, for the ſeparation and deuorſe in the ſayde deteſted and vnlawful mariage, traitorouſly intendyng to put the kinges highnes in a murmur and euyl opinion of his people, for the ſame counſayled & ſtyrred the ſayd Elizabeth, that ſhe ſhuld aſke a petition of almightye god, to knowe whether god was diſpleaſed with the kinges highnes, for procedyng in the ſayd deuorce and ſeparation of the mariage betwene his highnes, and the ſaid lady Catharin, declaring to her many times, that he and dyuers other notable lerned men of this realme, and many of the common people of the ſame, were in fyrme opinõs, that the kynges procedyng in the ſayd deuorce, was ageynſte the lawes of god. Where vpon the ſayd Elizabeth ſubtilly and craftely conceiuing thopinion and mynd of the ſayd Edwarde, wylling to pleaſe hym, reueled and ſhewed vnto the ſayd Edward, that ſhe had knowlege by reuelation frome god, that god was highly diſpleaſed with our ſayd ſouerayne lorde for the ſame matter. And in caſe he deſiſted nat from his procedynges in the ſaide deuorce and ſeparation, but purſued the ſame, and maried ageyn, that then within one month after ſuche mariage, he ſhuld no lenger be kyng of this realme: and in the reputation of almighty god, ſhulde not be a kynge one day nor one houre: and that he ſhulde dye a vilaynes dethe: Saying farther, that there was a roote with. iii. branches, and tyll they were plucked vp, it ſhulde neuer be merie in Englande: interpretynge the roote, to be the late lorde Cardinall, & the fyrſt branche to be the kynge oure ſouerayne lorde, the ſeconde the duke of Norff. and the thyrde the duke of Suff.

Which falſe feyned reuelatiõs, by the miſcheuous and malicious coũſaile and conſpiracie of the ſayd Edwarde Bockynge, with the ſayd Elizabeth, were writen and expreſſed in the ſayd bokes and volumes, conteinyng the falſe & feyned reuelations & myracles of the ſayd Elizabeth, for a perpetual memory therof, to thutter reproche & peryl of diſtruction of the kynges perſon, his honour, fame, and name: and priuely and ſecretely ſet forth by the ſayd Elizabeth, Edwarde Bokyng, Johñ Derynge, and Richard Maſter generally to dyuers and many of the kynges ſubiectes, and ſpecially as to electe perſons, to the reuerende father, Johñ byſſhoppe of Rocheſter, and Johñ Adeſon clerke, chapleyne to the ſame byſhop, & to one Henry Golde

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prieste, bacheler of diuinitie, to Hugh Riche frere obseruant, and late wardeyne of the friers obseruantes of Canturbury, whiche beare malice and malignite to al the kynges procedynges in the said deuorse and separation bicause it was contrary to their peruerse and froward opinions, intending by colour of the sayde false and feyned hypocrysie and reuelations of the sayde Elizabeth, not onely to let the sayde deuorce and separation, but also to bringe and set forth secretely in the heedes of the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, that all the kynges actes and procedynges in the same, were ageynst holy scriptures and the pleasure of almighty god: whereby the kynges highnes shulde be brought in a grudge and euyll opinion of his people. And the sayde John bysshoppe of Rochester, Henry Golde, Hugh Ryche, Rychard Risby, Rychard Master, John Dering, at sondry and seuerall tymes and places spake with the sayde Elyzabeth, & toke relation of her of the sayde false and feyned reuelations, whiche she feyned that she had of almyghtye god, as well concernynge the kynges highnes as other, after the fourme and termes aboue specified. And hauyng knowledge therof, the sayd Hugh Ryche, Rychard Risby, and Henry Golde clerke gaue suche byrme and constant credite therunto, that they traytrously conceyled hit frome the kynges highnes, and traytorously beleued in theyr hartes, that the kynge our sauerayne lorde, after his late mariage solempnised betwene his highnes and his sayde moste derc and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne, was no lenger rightfull kynge of this realme, in the reputation of almyghty god, wherby in theyr hartis and wylles they traytrously withdrewe from his highnes theyr naturall duetties of obedience: And secretely taught and moued other persones (to whom they reueled the sayd false and feyned reuelations) that they ought and myght laufully do in the same wyse: and practised the sayd matters ageynst the kynges maiestie, falsely, maliciously, and traytrously at sondry places and tymes with the fathers and nonnes of Syon, & dyuers monkes of the Charter house of London and Shene, and with dyuers freres obseruantes of the places of Rychemont, Grenewiche, and Canturbury, and to dyuers others both spirituall and temporall persones in great nombre, to thintent to sowe a secrete murmur and gruge in the hartes of the kinges subiectes, ageynst the maiestie of our sayde souerayne lorde, and all his procedynges in the saide deuorse and separation intendyng therby to make suche a diuision and rebellyng in this realme, amonges the kynges subiectes, wherby the kynges highnes shulde not onely haue ben put to peryll of his lyfe, but also in ieoperdie to be depriued from his crowne and dignitie royall.

¶ And for a more playne and particular declaration of the malicious and traitrous intentis of the said Elizabeth, Edward Bocking, John Dering, Hugh Riche, Rychard Risby, and Henry Golde, they concluded by a confederacie amonge them selfes, eche with other, to set forth in sermons & prechinges the sa[illegible]ns to the people of this realme, ageynst the kynges maiestie, whan it [illegible] shulde please the said Elyzabeth to appoynt

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them the tyme, when they ſhuld ſo do: and agreed eche with other ſecretly and ſet forthe the ſaide falſe and feyned reuelations to their acquey̆ntance and frendes in this realme, intending to make a great multitude of people of this realme, by their ſecrete conſpiracies, in an aptnes to receyue & take ſuche their ſermõs and p̄rchinges, whiche they intended to make, as is aforeſaid, cõcerning the p̄miſſes, traitrouſly intending therby to put our ſaid ſouerayne lorde not onely in the peril of his life, but alſo in the leopardie of loſſe and dep̄riuation of his crowne and dignite royal of this realme from hym and his laufull ſucceſſion for euer. And in accompliſhinge their falſe traitrous and malicious intentes ageynſt our ſaide ſouerayne lorde, they cauſed the ſayd Eliſabeth, at two tymes, ſecretely to declare the ſaide falſe and feined reuelations to.ii. of the popes oratours and ambaſſatours at the cities of Canturbury and London. At whiche tyme the ſaide Henry Golde toke vpon hym to be interp̄retatour therof, betwene the ſaid Eliſabeth, and one of the ſaide oratours named Antony Pulleon: and thinterp̄retatour to thother oratour named Siluester, was the forſaid Laurẽce of Canturbury, to the intent the kinges highnes, and all his p̄cedinges in the ſaide deuorſe and ſeparation ſhulde be brought in to an euyll opinion with the pope and other outwarde p̄incis and potentatis. And the ſayde Hughe Riche actually trauayled to ſondrie places of this realme, & made ſecrete relacion of the p̄miſſes concerning the kinges highnes, to diuers lordes bothe ſpirituall and temporal, and diuers other perſons lay and lerned, ſecular and religious. And the ſaid Henry Golde ouer this, actually trauayled and made relation therof to the ſaid lady Catharine p̄inces dowager, to animate her to make cõmotion in this realme, ageynſt our ſaide ſouerayne lorde, ſurmyttinge that the ſayde Eliſabeth ſhuld haue by reuelacion of god, that the ſayde lady Catharine ſhulde p̄ſpere and do well, and that her iſſue the lady Mary the kinges doughter, ſhulde p̄ſper and reigne in this realme, and haue many frendes to ſuſteyne and mayntayne her. And the ſaid Eliſabeth and Edwarde Bockynge, Johñ Dering, and Richarde Maſter like wyſe actually trauayled to diuers places in this realme, and made ſecrete relation of the ſayde falſe feined hypocriſie and reuelations of the ſayd Eliſabeth, and gaue knowlege herof to diuers other ſondrie perſons of this realme.

¶ All whiche conſpiracies and confederacies of the ſayde Eliſabeth, and other her complices, aboue mencioned, was traitrouſly and malicioufely deuiſed & p̄actiſed by the ſayde Eliſabeth, Edwarde Bockyng, Johñ Derynge, Richarde Maſter, Henry Golde, Hugh Riche, & Richarde Rysby, to the intent traitrouſly to diſtroy our ſayde ſouerayne lorde, & to dep̄riue hym and his laufull ſucceſſion from the crowne and dignitie royall of this realme, whiche matter hath ben p̄actiſed and ymagined amonges them for the ſpace of many yeres: wherof the hole circumſtance were very longe to be writtẽ in this acte. And the ſaide Johñ Fiſher byſhop of Rocheſter, and one Thomas Golde gentylman, and the ſayde Thomas Laurence,

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Edwarde Thwaites, and Johñ Ideſon chapleyn to the ſaid Johñ biſhop of Rocheſter, haupnge knowledge of the fals feyned and diſſimuled reuelations, traitorouſly conſpyred agepnſte our ſayde ſouerapgne lozde (as is afozeſayde) dyd neuer the les make concelpment therof, and vttered not the ſame to our ſayde ſouerapgne, noz any his honozable counſell, agepnſt theyr dueties and allegeance in that behalfe.

¶And furthermoze the ſaide Thomas Golde, foz the accomplyſſhemente of his ſaide mooſte traytrous intente, hath of late bene a meſſanger from the ſayd Elizabeth, ſithen ſhe was in ward in the towze of London foz the ſayde mooſte falſe and traytrous offences, by her and her ſayde complyces committed and done (he then beinge at libertie) by his meſſage hath comfozted dyuers others to ſtand ſtyffely by her reuelations, that they were of god: Not withſtanding that ſhe had confeſſed al her ſaid falſhed befoze diuers of the kynges counſaylours, and that they were manyfeſtly pzoued, founde, and tryed mooſte falſe and vntrue: whiche thyng he dydde onely to rayſe and put ſedition and murmur in the people agepnſt the kinges highnes, his crowne and dignitie royall. And one Thomas Abel clerke, being of the confederacie afozeſayd, and takynge ſuche firme and conſtante credit to the ſayde fals and feined reuelations & myzacles of the ſayd nunne: not onely cauſed to be pzinted and ſette fozth in this realme dyuers bokes agepnſt the ſayd deuozce and ſeparation: to the diſclander of our ſayde ſouerapgne lozde, but alſo animated the ſayde ladye Catharine obſtinately to perſiſt in her wylfull opinion agepnſt the ſame deuozce and ſeparation: and after the ſayd deuozce laufully had, to vſurpe and take vpon her ſtyll to be quene, & pzocured diuers wzitynges to be made by her, by the name of quene: and alſo pzocured and abbetted the ſeruantes of the ſayde lady Catharine agepnſt the kynges expzeſſe commandment and pzoclamation, to name, calle, accepte, and repute the ſayde lady Catharine foz quene of this realme: to the intent to make a common diuiſion and rebellion in this realme, to the great peryl and daunger of our ſayd ſouerapgne lozde.

¶In conſideration of all whiche pzemiſſes, and foz as moche as the ſaid falſe feyned and diſſimuled hypocriſye, cloked ſanctitie, reuelations, and feyned myzacles, of the ſayd Eliſabeth is playnly confeſſed befoze the kynges mooſte honozable counſayle by the ſayde offenders, and hath bene ſet fozth in this realme, not only to the blaſphemy of almyghty god, wherby a gret multitude of people of this realme, were not only induced to idolatrie, but alſo bzought in a murmour and grudge amonges them ſelfes, to the great peryll of the diſtruction of our ſayd ſouerapgne lozde and his ſucceſſion, and to the ieoperdie of a great commocion, rebellion, and inſurrection in this realme, to the vtter deſolation therof, if by the goodnes of almyghty god, and by the great trauayle of the kynges hyghnes, and his nobles and counſaylours, by great ſerches and examinations, it had not ben reueled and knowen.

¶Be it therfoze enacted, by auctozitie of this pzeſente parlyamente, that the

the sayde Elizabeth Barton, Rycharde Master, Edwarde Bocking, Johñ Deryng, Hugh Riche, Richard Rysby, and Henry Golde, for the seuerall offences aboue rehersed, by them recognised and confessed, shall be conuicte and attaynted of hygh treason, and shal suffre such execution and peynes of deathe, as in cases of hygh treason hath bene accustomed, and shall lose and forfayte to our sayde soueraygne lorde, and his heyres and successours for euer, all suche londes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had of estate of inheritance, in vse or possession at the xx. day of October last past, or any tyme sithen: & also all suche their goodes and cattalles as they or any other to their vse had the. xvi. day of Januarie laste paste, or any tyme sythen. And that also al suche benefices and spirituall promotions, whiche the sayd Richarde Master, & Henry Golde or any of them had at the. xvi. day of Januarie, or any tyme sythen, shall from the sayde. xvi. daye of Januarie be voyde, as thoughe the same Richarde and Henry were deade of their naturall deathes. And that the said Johñ bysshoppe of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaytes, Johñ Adeson, and Thomas Abell, for their sayd seuerall offences shalbe conuicte and attaynted of mesprision and concelyment of treason, as persons that haue gyuen such credit, counsayl, and consente vnto, beleue to the sayd principall offendours: wherby they haue taken courage and boldnes to commytte their sayd detestable treasons and offences. And that the said Johñ bysshop of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaytes, Johñ Adeson, and Thomas Abell for the sayde seuerall offences by them commytted, shall suffre imprisonemente of their bodies at the kynges wylle, and lose and forfayt to the kynges highnes all their goodes, cataules, and dettes, whiche they or any persones to their vses, or by their deliuery had the said. xvi. day of Januarye, or any tyme sythen the sayde day. And that suche benefices and spirituall promotions, as the sayde Johñ Adeson, and Thomas Abell, or any of them had the sayde. xvi. daye of Januarie, shall from the twenty daye of March the yere of our lorde. M. D. XXXIII. be voyde in the lawe, by auctorite of this acte, as if the sayde Johñ Adeson and Thomas Abel were deade of their natural deathes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that proclamation shalbe made vnder the kynges great seale in al shires, cities, boroughes, townes corporate in this realme, as well within libertie as without, conteynynge the tenour of this acte, to the entente that the cloked, false, and dissimulate offences of the offendours may be knowen, & the people therby to take an example of drede to offende in lyke cases hereafter, and that in euerye of the sayde proclamations shall also be added and contayned that euery suche person and persons, whiche hath in their custody and keppynge any bokes, scrolles, or writynges conteynynge any the fals feyned reuelations and dissimuled miracles of the sayd Elisabeth, or any of them, shal within. xl. dayes nexte after suche proclamations bringe or cause to be brought

brought the said bokes, scrolles, and writinges vnto the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lorde treasourer, lorde president of the kynges moofte honorable counsayle, and lorde priuie seale, or to one of them, vpon peine of imprisonment, and fine makinge to the kynge our souerayn lorde. And yf any person or persons after suche proclamations had and made accordynge as is aboue saide, knowyngly and wyllyngly doo retayne and kepe any suche bokes, scrolles or writynges, and cause them not to be delyuered accordynge to the tenour of the sayd proclamation aboue rehersed: that then any person offendynge the same, and beinge therof by due examynation conuicte before any of the kynges counsaile, shall suffre imprisonment, and make fine to the kinge, by the discretion of the kinges counsaile, accordyng to the merites of his offence.

¶ And albeit that a great nōbre & multitude of other the kinges subiectis of this realme, as well spirituall as temporall, whose names be not aboue specially mencioned, by theyr greatte negligences and folyes, incyned to newefangilnes, haue spoken with the same Elizabeth, and other her complices and conspiratours aboue specified, & haue had relation and knowledge to theym gyuen in and vppon the feyned and false reuelations and myracles aboue rehersed, as welle concernynge our sayde souerayne lorde as otherwyse: and haue made concelmente thereof, not vttrynge the same vnto the kynges maieftie, nor to any his honourable counsayle, as to the dueties of trewe liege men appertayneth in that behalfe, wherby they worthely haue deserued to suffre suche punyfhemente, paynes, and losses as personnes conceylynge treasons and other lyghe offences, towchynge the honour and suretie of our sayd souerayne lorde owen of good reason equitie and lawe to do. ¶ YET neuer the lesse the kynges royall maieftie, at the humble suite and contemplation of his moofte dere, entiere, and well beloued wyfe quene Anne, of his moofte gratious benignitie is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that all and euerye other his subiectes not aboue conuycted and attaynted by this acte, shall be released, acquyted, and clerely pardoned ageynfte his lyghnesse, his heyres, and successours for euer, of and for all maner of conceylementes, offences, trespaces, communications, mesprisions, contemptes, and mysdemeanours, whiche they or any of theym before the twentye daye of October laste paste commytted or dydde concernynge the sayde false and feyned myracles and reuelations of the sayde Elyfabeth, or any parte thereof, and of all circumstances and demeanours towchynge the same, so that none of his sayde subiectes, other than be aboue conuicted by this acte, shall hereafter by anye meanes be impeached, chalenged, or troubled by our sayde souerayne lorde, his heyres, or successours concernynge the premysses or any parte or circumstaunce thereof, but shall be by this present acte pardoned and released therof for euer.

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¶ An acte lymittynge what nombre of shepe men shal kepe, occupie, and haue in theyr owne possession at one tyme. Cap. xiii.

FOr as moche as diuers and sondry persons of the kinges subiectes of this realme, to whom god of his goodnes hath disposed great plentie of mo nable substance, now of late within fewe yeres, haue dayly studied, practised, & inuented ways & menes howe they myght accumulate and gather to gether into fewe handes as wel great multitude of fermes, as great plentie of cattal, and in especial shepe, putting suche landes, as they can get, to pasture, and not to tillage: whereby they haue not onely pulled downe churches and townes; and inhansed the olde rates of the rentes of the possessions of this realme, or els brought it to suche excessiue fines, that no poore man is able to medel with it, but also haue raised and enhaunsed the prices of all maner of corne, cattall, wulle, pigges, geese, hennes, chekyns, egges, & suche other, almoste double aboue the prices, whiche haue ben accustomed: By reason wherof a meruaylous multitude and nombre of the people of this realme be not able to prouide meate, drinke, and clothes necessarie for them selfes, theyr wyfes and chyldren, but be so discoraged with miserie, and pouertie, that they fall dayly to thefte, robberie, and other inconuenience, or pitifully dye for hunger & cold. And as it is thought by the kynges most humble and louyng subiectes, one of the greatteste occasions, that moueth and prouoketh those gredy and couetous people so to accumulate & kepe in theyr handes suche great portions and parties of the groundes and landes of this realme from the occupienge of the poore husbande menne, and so to vse it in pasture and not in tyllage, is onely the great profyte that cometh of shepe, whyche nowe be come into a fewe persons handes of this realme, in respecte of the holle nombre of the kynges subiectes, that somme haue xxiiii. thousande, some. xx. thousande, some. x. thousande, some. vi. thousande, some. v. thousande, and some more and some lesse, by the whiche, a good shepe for vitaylle, that was accustomed to be solde for. ii. s. iiii. d. or iii. s. at the moste, is nowe solde for. vi. s. or. v. s. or. iiii. s. at the leeste: And a stone of clothynge wulle, that in some shire of this realme was accustomed to be solde for. xviii. d. or. xx. d. is nowe solde for. iiii. s. or. iii. s. iiii. d. at the leest: & in som coūtreis, where it hath ben sold for. ii. s. iiii. d. or. ii. s. viii. d. or. iii. s. at the most: it is nowe sold for. v. s. or. iiii. s. viii. d. the leest. And so arraised in euery part of this realme. Whiche thynges thus vsed, be principally to the hygh displesure of almyghty god, to the decay of the hospitalite of this realme, to the diminishyng of the kinges people, & to the let of the clothmakynge, wherby many poore people hath ben accustomed to be set on worke: and in conclusion, if remedy be not founde, it may turne to the vtter distruction and desolation of this realme, whyche god defende. It may therfore please the kinges highnes, of his most gratious & godly disposition, and the lordes spirituall and temporall of theyr goodnes and

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charitie, with the assent of the commons in this present parliament assembled, to ordeyne and enacte, by auctorite of the same, that no persone nor persones frome the feaste of saynct Michaell the archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXV. shall kepe, occupie, or haue in his possession in his owne proper londes, nor in the possession, londes, or grounde of anye other, whiche he shall haue or occupye in ferme, nor otherwyse, haue of his owne proper cattall, in vse, possession, or propertie by any maner of meanes, fraude, crafte, or couyn, aboue the nombre of two thousande shepe at one tyme, within anye parte of this realme, of al sortes and kyndes, vppon peyne to lose and forfeyte, for euery shepe that any person or persones shall haue or kepe aboue the nombre limitted by this acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe to the kynge our soueraygne lord, & the other halfe to such person, as wyll sue for the same, by original writte of dette, bylle, playnte, or information in anye courte of recorde, in whiche suite the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any essoine or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that lambes shall not be accumpted of the nombre of shepe prohibyted by this acte, so longe as they be vnder the age of a yere and not aboue.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person, hauynge shepe of his owne, happen to be made executour, or to be administratour to any ꝑson, which had shepe at his deathe, or happen to be maried to any person, which shall happen to haue shepe at the tyme of the mariage: by reason wherof the persone, soo beinge executour or administratour, or beinge soo maried, shall happen by suche meanes to be aduansed, and haue aboue the sayde nombre of two thousande: that then in euery suche case, the person so aduansed to lose no penalite, for hauynge aboue the nombre of two thousande shepe by suche meanes, so that within one yere nexte after such aduansement, the ꝑson so aduaunsed from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shall happen, do put to sale, or otherwise dispose so many of the sayde shepe, soo to hym aduaunsed, or els of his owne shepe, that he had before: so that aboue one yere he shall not kepe, haue, or occupie by any suche meanes, or other wyse by any fraude or couyn, any more nombre of them, then is before limitted by this acte, vpon the peyne before rehersed.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person by his laste wyll and testament, gyue to any chylde within age, any nombre of shepe, and appoynte them by his sayde wyll, to be kepte by his executours, or by anye other person, vnto suche tyme as the sayde chylde shall come to a certayne aege limitted by his wyll: that then in euery suche case, after the deathe of the testatour, the said shepe so beinge in the possession and occupation of the executours, or of any other persone, to the vse of any suche chylde within age, for that tyme onely that the sayd chylde shall be within the age, that he shalbe limitted to haue the sayde shepe, by the wylle of the testatour, shall not be accumpted agaynste the sayde executours, nor any person so hauynge the sayde shepe,

for the intente afore sayde, anye of the noumbre of the shepe prohibited by this acte; anye thynge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ AND IT IS further enacted, that the Justices of the peace of euery shere, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire of the offenders of this acte, as welle by the othes of twelue men, as by informacion of anye of the kynges subiectes: and to make such like proces vpon euery presentment or informacion concernynge this acte, as they vsen commonly to do vpon presentmentis before them of trespas: And that no person being conuict by confession or otherwise, that he hath done or attempted contrary to this acte, shall be put to any lesse fine than after the ratis of the forfaitures afore limitted by this acte.

¶ Prouided alwaye that no persone shall be put to any answere or losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this act, at the suit of any the kynges subiectes, by any originall writ of dette, byll, playnt, or informacion: except the suite be cõmensed within one yere next after the offence done or cõmitted contrarie to this acte. Nor that any person shal be put to answere, nor to any losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this act, by reson of any presentmẽt, action, or informacion at the kinges sute, except the said presentmẽt, actiõ, or informacion be had & made for the king within thre yeres next after the offece done or cõmitted. ¶ PROVIDED alwaye, that al & euery pson & persons, being the kinges temporal subiectes of this realme, & borne vnder his obeisance, whiche at this present tyme, or at any time hereafter shall haue or be seased of inheritance in possession or in vse: or that nowe hath, or hereafter shall haue iuncture in vse or in possession: or be or shall be tenant in dower, or by the curtesie of Englande, of or in any manours, landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynges, or libertie of foldage within any parte of this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches of the same: that euery such person and persons, hauyng any suche possession to his owne vse, and euery suche person and persons, to whose vse any other person or persons nowe is, or be, or herafter shalbe seised of any such estate, as is before rehersed, may at al times herafter haue, enioy, kepe, & maynteyne vpon the same theyr owne demeyn landes, & al other theyr pastures, fedinges, & foldcurses, whiche they so haue, as many theyr owne shepe and lambes in nombre to theyr proper vse, profite, & behoue as they or any of them of right had, or lawfully might haue hadde and kepte vppon the same, or vppon any parte therof, at any tyme before the makynge of this present acte: This act, or any thyng therin conteyned or specified to the contrarye in anye wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that in case any suche person or persons, hauynge any suche estate in vse or in possession of or in any maner landes, tenementes, pastures fedinges, or liberties of fold courses as is before expressed, haue or do kepe vpon the same theyr possessions the nombre of two thousand shepe or aboue: the same person or persons so hauing the nombre of two thousand shepe or aboue, shal not in anye

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wyſe kepe, ſuſteyne, or haue any ſhepe aboue or beſide the ſayde nombre of two thouſande, vpon any londes, paſtures, or fedynges, whiche the ſame perſone or perſones haue, or here after ſhall haue, or take on ferme, or other wyſe, vppon ſuche lyke peynes and forfaytures for the ſame, as be limitted in the ſayde acte: that is to ſaye, for euery ſhepe ouer and aboue the ſaid nombre of two thouſande, three ſhillinges foure pence. And in caſe the ſayde demeyne landes, tenementes, paſtures, fedynges, and lyberties of foldecourſes of any perſon or perſons before reherſed, ſuffice not for the fedinge, paſturinge, and kepinge of two thouſande ſhepe, as is before ſaid, that then euery ſuche perſone ſhall or may haue, ſuſteyne, or fede vpon his ſaid demeyne landes, and vpon his ferme holdes, whiche he laufully may haue, to the ſayde nombre of two thouſande ſhepe, and not aboue, vppon peyne of forfaiture for euery ſhepe, aboue that nombre, iii.s.iiii.d.

¶ Prouided alwey and be it enacted, that it ſhalbe lefull to euery perſone or perſones within this realme, keppynge a houſeholde, to haue from tyme to tyme ſuche conuenient nombre of ſhepe, ouer and aboue the nombre expreſſed in this acte, as ſhalbe neceſſarie for the onely expenſes of his houſe holde, to be prouided, kepte, and fedde in and vpon his owne landes or other landes, ſuche as he laufully can or may haue, or prouide for, on ferme or other wyſe: Any thynge in this preſent acte conteyned to the contrarie not withſtandynge. So that the ſame houſeholder at no one tyme ſhal haue or kepe for the expences of his houſeholde, or by colour of the ſame, ouer and aboue the nombre to hym lympytted by this acte, any nombre of ſhepe mo then ſhall ſuffice for the onely expences of his houſeholde for one yere, without fraude or couyn, any thynge in this preſent acte mencioned or expreſſed to the contrarie not withſtandynge.

¶ Be it alſo ferther enacted by thauctorite aforeſaid, that no maner perſon or pſons, of what degre ſo euer he or they be, being lord or lordes, owner or owners, fermer or fermers, of or in any libertie of foldecourſes, within any towne, tythynge, village, or hamlette within any of the counties of Norfolke and Suffolke frome and after the feaſte of the natiuitie of our lorde god nexte commynge, ſhall take in ferme for terme of yeres, or otherwyſe any quillettis of landes or paſtures, that is to ſaye, any nombre of acres of lande or paſture, appertaynynge to any other perſon or perſones, lyenge and beinge within the lympytte, extente, or precincte of the ſayde lybertie of the ſayde foldecourſes: but that they ſhall permytte and ſuffre the ſayd perſons, hauynge or being for the tyme owner or owners, leſſee or leſſees of the ſayd quillettis, to manure and paſture the ſayde quillettis. And alſo to ſuffre the ſhepe of the ſayde owner or owners, fermer or fermers of the ſayde quyllettes, after the rate of the ſame quyllettes to go with the flocke of the owner, fermer, or occupyer of the ſayde libertie or lyberties of the ſayde foldecourſes, payenge the cuſtomarye charges for the keppynge and fedyng of the ſame, after the rate and vſe of the countreye there commonly vſed, withoute anye interruption therein to be made by the ſayde ow-

ner or owners, fermer or fermers or occupiers of the sayde liberties, vpon peyne of forfayture for euerye tyme that anye suche persone, hauynge any suche quillet that shalbe so letted or disturbed of fedynge, kepynge, or pasturynge any of his shepe soo to be fedde and kepte after the rate of his sayde quyllet, for euery suche shepe thre shllyniges. iiii.d.

¶ Prouided alway that this act or brāch cōcerning quillettis, or any thing therin conteyned, shal not in any wise be auaylable to any tenant, owner or occupier of anye suche quillet or quillettis, to clayme, haue or vse hereafter any suche pasture or fedynge of his shepe, in or with anye suche foldecourses, but onely where the tenantes, owners, and occupiers of anye suche quillettis haue had or mought haue had here to fore of right and dutie vsed to haue pasture and fedynge in the sayde foldecourses, by reason of theyr tenures and occupations of the same quillet or quillettes, and none otherwise. And where they haue not vsed, ne oughte to haue anye shepe fedde or kept within any suche foldecourses, by reson of the sayde tenures, that the owners or occupiers of suche foldcourses may take suche quyllettis, lyinge within theyr fouldcurses, in ferme, agreeinge with the owners or occuppyers of the sayde quillettes for the same.

¶ And for as moche as the nombre of the. C. of shepe in euerye countraye be not lyke, in some countrey the great. C. where. vi. score is accumpted for the. C. and some countrey but onely. v. score: it is efte declared by this presente acte, that the nombre of two thousande shepe, limitted to euerye person by this acte, shalbe accumpted. x. c. for euerye thousande, after the numbre of the great hundred, and not after the lesse. c. so that euery thousande shall conteyne. xii. C. after the lesse nombre of the hundred.

¶ It is also further prouided by the auctorite afore sayd, that lammes vnder the age of one holle yere, & as moche as shall be from the tyme of the fallynge of them vnto the feaste of the natiuite of saynt Johñ Baptiste in any yere to come, shall not be adiudged, ne taken for shepe prohibited by this estatute: any thynge in the acte to the contrarie not with standynge.

¶ It is also ferther enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that no maner person, after the sayd feast of the natiuite of our lord, shal receyue or take on ferme for terme of lyfe, yeres, or at wyll by endenture, copy of court rolle, or other wise, any mo houses & tenementes of husbandrye, whervnto anye landes are belongynge, in towne, village, hamlet, or tythyng within this realme, aboue the nombre of two suche holdes or tenementes. And that no maner ꝑson shall haue or occupie any suche holdes, so newely taken to the nombre of two, as is before expressed, excepte he or they be dwellynge within the same parishes, where such holdes be: vpon the peine of forfaiture for euery weke, that he or they shal haue, occupie, or take any profites of such holdes contrarie to this act. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitie of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge oure souerayne lorde, and the other moytie to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by bylle, playnte, information, or other wyse within one yere next after suche contempte and offence

fence committed and done, in the whiche none essoen, protection, ne wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ It is also farther enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that the statutes made the fourth yere of the noble prince kynge Henry the. viii. and in the vii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, concernynge the decaye of townes, and mayntenaunce of tyllage and husbandry, shalbe good and effectuall in euery thynge accordynge to the true purport and intent of the same, any thing in this present act to the contrarie not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that it may be lawfull to al spirituall persones and euery of them, to kepe suche and as many shepe vppon theyr owne landes, and after suche forme and maner and none otherwyse, as they moughte haue done afore the makynge of this acte: any thynge mencioned in the same to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for punishemento of Heresie. Ca. xiiii.

IN moste humble wyse lamentablye sheweth vnto your highnes your most humble louing & obedient subiectes, the comons of this your realme, that where the Clergie of the same, of the seconde yere of kynge Henry the. viii. one of your moste noble progenitours, vpon theyr suggestion dyd impetrate and optayne by auctorite of parliament, holden in the sayde seconde yere: that it shulde be leful for euery ordenarie to conuent, areste, and imprison any person or persons, whome they thought defamed or suspecte of heresie, and them to kepe in theyr prisons tyll they were purged therof, or abiured, or committed to late power to be burned, after the determination of the holy church & canonicall sanctions, as in an acte made at the parlyamente holden in the saide seconde yere of kynge Henry the. viii. emonges other thinges more at large dothe appere: For as moche as the sayde acte dothe not in any parte therof declare anye certayne cases of heresie, contrary to the determination of holy scripture, or the canonicall sanctions therin expressed, whereby your moste louynge & obedient subiectes moughte be lerned to eschewe the daungers and peynes in the sayd acte comprised, and to abhorre and detest that foule & detestable cryme of heresie: And also bicause those wordes Canonical sanctions, & suche other like conteined in the sayd acte, are so general, that vneth the moste expert & best lerned man of this your realme, diligently lieng in wayte vpon him selfe, can eschewe and auoyde the penaltie & daunger of the same act & canonical sanctions, if he shuld be examined vpon such captious interrogatories, as is & hath ben accustomed to be ministred by the ordinaries of this realme, in cases where they wyl suspecte any person or persones of heresie. And ouer this for as moch as it standeth not with the right order of Justice nor good equite, that any person shulde be

conuicte, and put to the losse of his lyfe, good name, or goodes, onles hit were by due accusation and witnes, or by presentment, verdict, confession, or proces of outlawrie: and also by the lawes of your realme, for treasons committed to the peril of your most royall maiestie, vpon whose suretie depeneth the hole welthe of this realme, no persone can ne maye be putte to dethe but by presentment, verdict, confession or proces of outlawrie, as is afore sayde. Wherfore it is not resonable, that any ordinarie by any suspection conceyued of his owne fantasie, without due accusation or presentment, shulde put any subiecte of this realme in the infamie and sclaunder of heresie, to the peril of life, losse of name and goodes. And that also there be many heresies & peines, & punishmētes for heresies declared, & ordeined in & by the said canonical sanctions, & by the lawes and ordenaunces made by the popes or bysshops of Rome, and by their auctoritye, for holdynge, doynge, preachynge, or spekynge of thynges contrarye to the sayde canonical Sanctions, lawes, and ordinances, whiche be but humayne, being mere repugnaunte and contrarious to the prerogatiue of your imperiall crowne, regall iurisdiction, lawes, statutes, and ordenances of this your realme: By reason wherof your people of the same, for obseruynge, maintenynge, defendynge, and due executinge of your sayde lawes, statutes and prerogatiue royalle, by auctorite of that act, made in the sayde second yere of kynge Henry the. iiii. may be broughte into sclaunder of heresie, to theyr great infamie and daunger, and peryll of theyr liues.

In consideration wherof it may please your highnes, by the assente of your lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, to adnulle, abrogate, frustrate, and make voyde the sayd acte, made in the said seconde yere of king Henry the. iiii. and euery thynge therin conteyned. And neuertheless for as moche as the moste fowle and detestable crymc of heresie, shulde not hereafter growe and increace, but vtterly be abhorred, detested, and eradicate, ne that any heritikes shuld be fauored, but that they shuld haue condigne & sufficiēt punyshment. And for the represse of heretikes, and such erronious opinions in tyme comynge, be it establyshed, ordeyned, and enacted, by the auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that the statute made in the fyfthe yere of your noble progenitour kynge Rychard the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of kynge Henry the. v. concernyng punyshement and reformation of heritikes and lollardes, and euery prouision therin conteyned, not beinge repugnant to this act: shalbe and stande in their force, strength, and effecte. Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted for spedy presentment to be had of heresies, that suche person & persones, as haue in vse or in possession to their own vse, in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of their owne lyues, or of any other persons lyfe, londes & tenementes, to the clere yerely value of. xl. s. shalbe empaneled, and haue power and auctorite to inquire and present heresies: And that euery presentment made by suche persons shalbe as good and effectuall and be put in execution to all intentes,

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in lyke maner and fourme as if euery the p̄ſentours had had londes and tenementes, to the yerely value of a hundreth ſhyllynges, accordyng to the tenoure of the ſayd acte of kynge Henry the. v. any thynge in the ſayd acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by auctorite afore ſayd, that ſhireffes in their turnes, and all other haynge turnes, and ſtewardes in theyr letes, rapes, and wapentackes, ſhall haue power and auctorite to inquire of heretykes lyke as they enquire of common anoyſances, and that euery p̄ſentement made in any turne, leete, rape, or wapentacke concernynge hereſyes, ſhalbe certified to the ordinarye in ſuche maner and fourme as p̄ſentementes afore any Juſtice aſſygned by the ſayde acte of kynge Henrye the. v. are lymitted and appointed by the ſame act to be certified: And like p̄roces ſhalbe had, made, and executed, vppon euery ſuche p̄ſentemente to be made in any turne, lete, rape, or wapentacke as is limitted in the ſaid acte of kynge Henry the. v. vppon p̄ſentmentes taken afore the Juſtices aſſigned by the ſame acte to inquire of hereſies.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, that no maner of licence or auctoritie, or other thinge or thinges be hereafter had or opteyned of the byſhop of Rome, otherwiſe called the pope, to p̄reache in any part of this realme, or to do any thynge in the ſame contrarie to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, or the kynges p̄rogatiue royall, vpon the peynes limitted in the ſayd lawes and ſtatutis of this realme: any thing conteyned in the p̄ambule of the ſayd eſtatute of kynge Richarde the ſecond, or in any the ſtatutes before reherſed, or in any ſtatutes of this realme to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforeſayde, that euery perſon and perſons being p̄ſented or indited of any heriſie, or duly accuſed or detected therof by two lauful witneſſes at the leeſt, to any ordinaries of this realme, haynge power to examine heriſies, ſhal and may after euerye ſuche accuſation or p̄ſentment, & none otherwiſe, nor by any other menes be cited, conuēted, arreſted, taken, or app̄rehended by any the ſayd ordinaries or any other the kynges miniſters and ſubiectes who ſoo euer. And after they ſhalbe ſo taken and app̄rehended, ſhalbe committed to the ordinaries to aunſwere in open courte and in an open place to theyr ſuche accuſation and p̄ſentmentes. And if they ſhal happen to be lawfully conuicte of the hereſie, wherof they are ſo accuſed or p̄ſented: that then they ſhal abiure, if they wyl refuſe and renounce theyr ſayde hereſies, wherof they ſhalbe ſo accuſed or p̄ſented, as is aforeſaid, and do ſuche reaſonable penance for theyr offences, as ſhall be limitted by the diſcretion of the ſayd ordinaries. And if they after theyr laufull conuiction, refuſe to abiure, or after abiuration fall in relapſe, and be duelye accuſed or p̄ſented, and conuict therof, as is afore ſayde: that then in ſuche caſes they ſhalbe committed to lay power, to be burned in open places for example of other, as hath bene accuſtomed, the kynges writte, *De hæretico comburendo*, fyrſt had and obteyned

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¶ And where the great nombre of the kynges subiectes, hauynge lyttelle or no lernynge nor knowlege of letters, haue ben put in vpuyon, that by dyuers lawes, decrees, ordenances, and constitutions heretofore made by the bysshop of Rome, called the pope, and his predecessours, or by theyr auctorites for the aduancement of theyr worldlye glorye and ambition, euery man, that in any thyng speketh or doth ageynst the sayd pretensed power, or auctorite of the same bisshop of Rome, or any the said lawes, decrees, ordinances, and constitutions standeth in danger, and is inpechable of heresie: whiche effecte or matter, nor any suche lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, or constitutions, not approued & confirmed by holy scripture, was neuer commonly accepted or confirmed to be any lawe of god or man within this realme. Wherfore be it enacted and ordeyned by auctorite of this present parliament, that no maner speknynge, doinge, communication, or holdyng ageynste the sayde bysshoppe of Rome, or his pretenced power or auctorite, made or gyuen by humayne lawes or policies, and not by holye scripture: nor any speaking doinge communication or holdynge ageynst any lawes, called spiritual lawes, made by auctorite of the se of Rome, by the policie of men, whiche be repugnant, or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogatiue royall: shalbe demed, reputed, accepted, or taken to be heresie. And that any subiecte or resiant of this realme shalbe for any suche speknynge, doinge, communication, or holdynge, impeched, vexed, or troubled for any poynte or matter of the sayde detestable crime of heresie: any what so euer canon lawes, decrees, ordinances, constitutions, or other thynge here to fore made, or beinge, or hereafter to be made to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaye that suche person and persons, as shall happen to be accused, presented, or indited of heresie, as is afore limitted by this acte, shal and may be letten to baile by the ordinaries by theyr discretions, ozeis in theyr defaute, if they refuse so to do, then by the discretion of two Justices of peace of that shire, where such persons so accused or presented, shall inhabit, by .iiii. sufficient sureties to be bounden to the kynges vse by obligation or recognisance to appere before the ordinaries at suche dayes, tymes, and places, as shalbe limytted in the sayde bondes by the sayde ordinaries, or in theyr defautes, by the sayde two Justices, except the ordinarie can and do declare vnto the kinges highnes, and to his counsaile, a resonable cause, that the sayd person or persons so accused or presented of heresie, shuld not be let to bayle, as is afore limitted.

¶ An acte concernynge printers and bynders of bokes. Ca. xb.

WHERE AS by the prouision of a statute made in the fyfte yere of the reygne of kynge RYCHARDE the thyrde, it was prouided in the same acte, that all straungers repayrynge in to this

this realme, myghte laufully bringe in to the ſayd realme printed and writ-
ten bokes to ſelle at theyr libertie and pleaſure. By force of whiche prouiſ-
ion there hath comen in to this realme ſithen the makynge of the ſame, a
marueylous nombre of printed bookes and daylye dothe. And the cauſe
of the makynge of the ſame prouyſion ſemethe to be, for that there were
but fewe bokes and fewe printers within this realme atte that tyme, whi-
che coulde welle exercyſe and occupie the ſayd ſcience and crafte of prynt-
ynge: Neuer the leſſe, ſythen the makynge of the ſayde prouiſyon, ma-
nye of this realme, beynge the kynges naturalle ſubiectes, haue gyuen
them ſoo dilygentelye to lerne and exercyſe the ſayde crafte of printynge,
that at this daye there be within this realme a greate nombre counnynge
and experte in the ſayde ſcience or crafte of prynтynge, as able to exercyſe
the ſayde crafte in all poyntes, as anye ſtraunger in anye other realme or
contray. And further more where there be a greate nombre of the kynges
ſubiectes within this realme, whiche lyue by the crafte and myſterye of
byndynge of bookes, and that there be a greate multitude welle experte
in the ſame: yet all this not withſtandynge there are dyuers perſons, that
bringe from beyonde the ſe greate plentie of printed bookes, not onelye in
the latyne tonge, but alſo in our naternall engliſhe tonge, ſome bounde in
bordes, ſome in lether, and ſome in parchement, and them ſelle by retayle,
wherby many of the kynges ſubiectes, beinge bynders of bokes, & hauing
none other facultie wherwith to gette theyr lyuinge, be deſtitute of worke,
and lyke to be vndone: except ſome reformation herin be had. Be it therfore
enacted by the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, the lordes ſpiritual and temporal,
and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctoritie
of the ſame, that the ſayd Prouiſo, made the fyrſt yere of the ſayd kyng
Richarde the thirde, from the feaſte of the natiuitie of our lorde god nexte
commynge, ſhalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite afore ſayde, that no perſon or
pſons, reſiãt or inhabitant within this realme, after the ſayd feaſt of Chriſt
mas next comyng, ſhal bie to ſel ageyne any printed bokes brought frõ any
parties out of the kynges obeyſance, redye bounden in bordes, lether, or
parchement, vppon peyne to loſe and forfayte for euery boke bounde oute
of the ſayde kynges obeyſance, and brought in to this realme, and bought
by any perſon or perſons within the ſame to ſelle ageyne, contrarie to this
act, fyre ſhyllynge eyghte pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforeſayd, that no perſone or
perſones inhabytant or reſiante within this realme, after the ſayde feaſte
of Chriſtmas, ſhall bye within this realme, of any ſtranger, borne oute of
the kynges obedience other then of denizens, any maner of printed bokes,
brought from any the parties beyond the ſee, except onely by engroſe & not
by retayle: vpon peine of forfaiture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery boke ſo bought
by retayle, contrarie to the fourme & effect of this eſtatute, the ſayd forfay-
tures, to be alwayes leuied of the byers of any ſuche bookes, contrarie to

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vpage. x. li. The one moytie of all the same forfaytures to be to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, and the other moitie to the partie that woll pursue for the same, by bill, playnt, action of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche syte no essoen or protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendant receyued to wage his lawe.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall be lefull to the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, and to all stewardes and bailyes in theyr seuerall letes, to enquire, here, and determyne euerye suche offence hereafter to be committed or done contrarie to the fourme of this estatute: so that alwaye no lesse fyne then. x. li. be assessed vppon euery suche presentment and conuiction accordynge to the due course of the lawe. The same fyne so by the Justices of peace, vppon euery presentemente or conuiction made before them, to be payde and leuied onely to the kynges vse. And the moyte of euerye fine to be assessed by the stewardes or bailiues of euery leete, vpon euery presentement and conuiction before them to be made, to be payed and leuied to the vse of the owner of the same leete by distres or action of dette: and the other moytie of the same fine to be to the partie, that wol pursue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bil, playnte, information, or action of dette, in whiche no essoen nor protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendant shalbe receiued to the wager of his lawe.

¶ Prouided alway, if that any offender contrary to the forme of this estatute by any maner of processe or meane fyrste ageynst him conceyued or presented, shalbe compelled or constrained to pay or content any suche forfayture or penaltye, as is aforesayde, for his sayde offence contrarye to this acte: that then euery suche offender, after paymente or satisfaccion made therof, shalbe clerely acquited and discharged ageynst euery other person for the same forfaiture or penaltie in euery suite, processe, or presentement ageynst hym to be pursued for the recouerie of the sayde penaltie.

¶ Be it also ferther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that all lycences, letters, placardes, gyuen or graunted, or here after before the sayde fyrste day of June nexte commynge to be gyuen, had, or graunted to any person or persones by the kynges highnes, for the shotyng in crosbowes or hand gunnes, or for the vsynge or keppynge of the same, contrary to the forme of this acte, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that al former statutes made and prouided of and for anoydynge and restraynte of shotynge in crossebowes or handegunnes, or of and for any of them, or for the vsing & kepyng of the same, be from henseforth vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that euery proces, suite, or information, conceyued, commenced, and nowe dependynge for any offence done contrarye to the forme of anye estatute made or prouided for the shotynge in crosse bowes and hangunes not repeled, and for the keping of the same, shalbe good & effectuall to the partyes that haue commenced the same, in suche forme, effecte, degree, or condition, as if this acte had neuer ben made.

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¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned be not in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons nowe beinge, that hereafter shalbe appointed by the kynges hyghnes to kepe, retayne, or take any crosselbowes or handgunnes, that shall be forfayt, or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kynges forestes, parkes, or chaces: but he or they may laufully kepe and reteyne the same crosselbowes or handgunnes from time to tyme, vnto suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act extend not to the makers of crosselbowes or handgunnes: but that they may laufully kepe crosselbowes and handegunnes in theyr houses: and shote in crosbowes or handgunnes onely for prouyng and assayeng of them. ¶ Prouyded always that in al walled townes within seuen myles of the see, and other townes or holdes standynge vpon the see costis, or vpon any of the englishe marches for ageinst Scotlande, it shall be leful to euery man dwellyng in such townes or holdes to kepe in their houses, being within the same townes or holdes, crosse bowes and handgunnes, for the only defence of the said townes, holdes, & houses, & as well to exercise & vse them in & for the defence of the said townes & houses, being in the same townes, as for to carie them to their shippes, there to kepe & exercise them for defence of their shyppes, and for their goodes in the same shyppes, and for none other cause, any thynge comprysed or expressed in this present acte to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person or persons hereafter in any parte doo offende, or do cõtrarie to the purview & remedie of this act, wherupon there is cause of action for the same gyuen to the kyng, his heires or successours or to any other person or persons that wol sue by vertue of this act, for the punishement of the sayd offence or forfaitis: that if the kyng our souerain lord, his heires or successours, within one yere next immediatly after suche offences and forfaytes had and made, do not pursue their action or actions so guen by this sayd act or cause of examination vpon such defautes and offences to be had & made before their counsell, or other presentmentis therof to be had according to the meanyng of the same act. And euery other person, whiche hereafter may haue action or actions vpon this statute within halfe a yere next and immediatly after suche offences and forfaitis had and made, do not cõmence their suites, information, or presentmentis, of & vpon the said forfaitis, by action or otherwise, as of and vpon such forfaites as be declared & expressed in this present acte: that then as well the kynge our souerain lorde, his heires & successours, after one yere nexte after such offences and forfaites had & made, if none sute in his or their name be take by action or otherwise, as is before expressed, before the same yere ended & determined, as euery other person after half a yere next after like offẽces & forfaites had & made in forme aforesaid, if none suite therupon be take by none of them in forme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded & barred of their said suites, actions, & examinatiõs to them giuen by vertu of this said act.

And the parties and euery of them so offendynge, be of all suche offences and forfaitis clerely discharged and quite, any thynge in this acte compri-sed to the contrarye not withstandynge, and as thoughe this acte had ne-uer bene had nor made.

¶ Prouided also that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, extende not or be preiudiciall to any marchauntes, the whiche haue or shall haue any crossebowes or handegunnes to selle within this realme, and to none other vse. Prouyded alway, that no maner of person renne in any danger, or take hurt by reason of any penalitie or forfayture conteyned in this act, tyll suche tyme as proclamation be made of the same acte: nor by the space of. xx. dayes nexte after the saide proclamation be made within the coun-tie, where the partie that shal or may offend contrarie to this act dwelleth.

¶ Prouided also that if any maner of person bring or cause to be brought with him into his lodging, or into any other mans house, any crosbowe or handgunne: that then the penalitie and forfayture, yf any such be or here-after shalbe forfayted by reason of this acte, to renne and be only vpon the bringer of the said crosbowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the said lodging cause the brin ger therof to take and recarie away the sayde crossebowe or handegounne ageyne with hym at his departynge: any thinge in this acte made to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this acte concernynge crossebowes and hande-gunnes, ne any thynge therin conteyned, extende or in any wise be hurte-full to any person or persones, to whom it shall please the kynge our souer-rayne lorde, his heires, or successours to gyue licence by his letters paten-tes vnder his great seale to shote in crosbowes or handgonnes, or in eue-ry of them: or to haue and kepe the same crosbowes and handgunnes in his or their houses for the defence of the same.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that yf any person or persons hereafter from the fyrst day of June next cõming, se or fynde any person or persons offendinge or doing contrarie to the forme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euerye suche persone or persones, perceyuynge, fyndynge, or seing any suche person or persons so offendynge contrarie to the forme of this acte, to arrest and attache euery suche offender or offenders, and to bringe or conueye the same offender or offenders, to the nexte Justyce of the peace of the same countie, where the sayde offender or offenders shall be founde so offendynge. And that the same Justice of peace vppon a delye examination and proue therof be-fore hym hadde or made by his discretion, shall haue full power and auc-toritie to sende or cõmytte the same offender or offenders, to the next gaole, there to remayne tyll suche tyme as the said penalitie or forfayture shalbe truly contented & paide by the saide offender. The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, & the other moitie therof to the fyrst bringer or conueyer of the sayd offender to the same Justice of peace.

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¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudicial to any seruant or persone, that hereafter from the said first day of June, shall bende, beare, vse, or assay any crosse-bowe or handegounne, by the commaundement of his lorde or mayster, so that the sayde seruant or persone do not shote at any fowle, deere, or other game, what kynde or nature so euer they be, nor also to any suche seruant, persone or persones, that shall after the sayde fyrst daye of June, beare or conueye any crossebowe or handegounne, to anye place or places by the commaundement of his lorde or mayster, that may shote by the auctoritie of this act, so that the sayd seruãt or other pson, so bringyng or conueying the said crossebowe or handgunne, haue redy to shewe to euery person, requirynge the sight therof, one licence in writing sealed or subscribed by his saide lorde or maisters hande, to carye and conueye the same crosbowe or handgonne, to thintent to be amended, repaired, or assayed, as is aforesaid.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteyned, be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any gonners beinge in the kynges wages, onely for shotinge in handgonnes, bearyng or keppynge of the same handgonnes in theyr houses: So always that they with the same doo not shote vnto any beast or foule vpon the pepnes before expressed.

¶ Prouided alway that it shalbe lauful for the inhabitantes of the countreis of Northumberlande, Duresme, westmerlande, and Comberlande to kepe in their houses, crosbowes and handgonnes, & shote in the same for defence of their persons, goodes, and houses agaynste theues, scottis, and other the kynges ennemies, and for clensynge & scouryng of the same onely, and for none other pourpose: This acte or any thynge comprysed within the same not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng clothears, or makers of wollen clothes within the shire of Worcester. Ca. xviii.

Sheweth vnto the kynge our souerayne lorde, and to the lordes spirituall and temporal, and to the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, the citezens, burgeses, & inhabitantes of the citie of worcester, and of the townes of Euesham, Droitwiche Kederminster, & Bromisgroue within the countie of worcester, that where the sayd citie, boroughes, and townes haue ben in tymes paste well & substancially inhabited, occupied, mayntened, and vpholden by reason of makynge of wollen clothes, called long clothes, short clothes, & other clothes as well whites, blewes, and browne blewes: and the poore people of the same citie, borowes, and townes, and of the countrey adioynynge to them dayly sette a worke, as in spinnynge, cardynge, breadynge, and sortyng of wolles, and the handy craftes there inhabytyng, as weauers, fullers, shere men, and diers, haue ben wel set a worke, & had sufficiẽt liuing by the same: vntyl now within few yeres passed, that dyuers psons inhabitting & dwellynge in the hamlettis, thropes, & villages, adioynynge to the said cite, bo-

towes, and townes, within the sayd shire for their priuate welthis, singular aduantages, and commodities, nothing regardynge the maintenance and vpholdyng of the sayde citie, boroughes, and townes, ne the common welth of the sayd handy craftes, inhabitinge and dwelling within the sayd citie, borowes, and townes, ne the pore people, whiche had lyuyng by the same, haue not only ingrosed and taken into their handes dyuers and sondry fermes, and becom fermers, graziers, & hus bondmen, but also do exercise, vse, and occupy the misteries of clothmaking, weauing, fullyng, & shrynge within their saide houses, and do make all maner of clothes, as well brode clothes, whites, and playne clothes within their said houses, in the countreis abrode, to the great decay, depopulacion, and ruine of the saide cite, townes, & borowes. For remedy wherof, & for the amendmēt, good aduancement of the said cite, borowes, and townes, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that after the last day of September, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. no maner persons ne person, of what degre or condicions so euer he or they be of, shall make or cause to be made within the sayd shyre of worcester any maner of wollen clothes to be solde, excepte onely suche persons or person, as after the said last day of September, shalbe dwelling & inhabityng within the said citie of worcester, the boroughes, & townes of Euesham, Droitwiche, Kedermynster, & Bromisgroue within the said countie of worcester, or in any one of them, vpon pein of forfaiture, for euery such brode cloth made after the said daye by any person or persons, contrarie to the true meanyng of this acte. xl.s.

¶ And ferther it is prouided by auctorite aforesayde, that the lordes and owners of the meses, tenementes, or cotages within the sayde citie, or any of the townes and boroughes aforesaid, shal at no tyme hereafter dimitte, sette, or let any mese, tenement, or cotage sufficiently repaired within the said citie, boroughes, or townes before limitted to any person or persons, that hereafter shall inhabite in the sayde citie, boroughes or townes, and exercysynge any of the said misteries or craftes, at any higher rent, imposition, or charge, then was gyuen for the same at any tyme within. xx. yeres next before the makyng of this act only except.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte be not hurtefull ne preiudiciall to any person or persons for makyng any clothes for theyr owne wearynge, theyr chylderne, or seruantis wearynge.

¶ Also prouided, that in the sayd citie and euery towne and borough aforesaid, there shalbe due serche made of euery suche clothe beforesayde, there made, and that they be meated both length and brede, being wette frō the mylll, & before they be set vpon the racke and dried: and that they shalbe sealed with the seale of the sercher of the same citie, towne, or borowe: which seale shall haue a stampe conteynyng the true nombres for the length and brede of the same clothe beinge wette: in peyne of forfaytynge for euery clothe put to sale, not haupnge the sayd seale of the sercher. xx. s. And the sealer to forfayte for euery clothe, by hym serched and sealed contrarye to

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the true menyng of this act. vi.s. viii.d. The one halfe of the said forfaitis to be to the kyng our souerain lord, & the other halfe to the partie that wyll sue for the same in any of the kinges courtis, by writ of dette, bylle, playnt, or informacion, in whiche actions or action, the defendantes or defendant shall not wage their law, ne any essoen or protection shalbe allowed: And the serchar shal haue for þ serching & seling of euery cloth a peny, & not aboue.

An acte concernynge the submission of the clergie to the kynges maiestie. Cā. xix.

Where the kinges humble and obedient subiectis, the clergy of this realme of England, haue not only knowleged accordinge to the truth, that the Cōuocatiōs of the same clergie, is alwais hath ben & ought to be assembled only by the kinges writ, but also submitting thē selfes to the kynges maiestie, haue promised in *verbo sacerdotij*, þ they wol neuer from hensforth presume to attēpt, allege, claim, or put in vre, or enact, promulge, or execute any new canōs, cōstitutions, ordinācs prouincial, or other, or by what so euer other name they shalbe called in the Conuocation, onles the kynges mooste royall assente and licence maye to them be had, to make, promulge, and execute the same: and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe. And where dyuers constitutions, ordenaunce, and canons prouinciall or Synodall, whiche heretofore haue bene enacted and be thoughte not onely to be mache prejudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, but also ouermoch onerous to his hyghnes and his subiectes: the sayde clergie hathe moste humbly besought the kinges highnes, that the sayde constitutions and canons may be committed to the examination and iugement of his highnes, and of. xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parlyamente, of the temporaltie: and other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme: And al the sayd. xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie. And that suche of the said constitutions, and canons as shall be thought and determined by the saide. xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them, worthy to be abrogated & adnulled, shalbe abolite & made of no value accordyngly. And such other of the same constitucions & canons, as by the said. xxxii. or the more parte of them, shall be approued to stande with the lawes of god, and cōsonant to the lawes of this realme: shal stāde in their ful strength and power, the kynges most royall assent first had & obteyned to the same. BE IT therfore nowe enacted, by auctoritie of this present parlyament, accordyng to the said submission & petition of the said clergie, that they ne any of them from hens forthe shall presume to attempte, allege, clayme, or put in vre any constitutions, or ordinances prouincial or Synodals, or any other canons: Nor shall enacte, promulge, or execute any suche canons, cōstitutions, or ordinance prouinciall, by what

ſo euer name or names they maye be called in their conuocations in tyme comynge, whiche alway ſhalbe aſſembled by auctorite of the kynges writ: Oneles the ſame clergie may haue the kinges moſt royall aſſent & licence to make, promulge, and execute ſuch canons, conſtitutions, and ordinãces prouinciall or ſynodall, vpon peyne of euery one of the ſaid clergie, doinge contrarie to this acte, and beinge therof conuicte, to ſuffre emprſonment, and make fine at the kynges wyll.

¶ And for aſ moche as ſuche canons, conſtitutions, and ordinaunce, as heretofore haue bene made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at the ſeſſion of this preſent parlyamente, by reaſon of ſhorteneſſe of tyme, be viewed, examined, and determyned by the kynges hyghnes, and. xxxii. perſonnes to be choſen and appoynted, accordynge to the peticyon of the ſayde clergye, in fourme aboue reherſed: Be hit therfore enacted by auctorite aforeſayd, that the kynges highnes ſhal haue power and auctoritie to nominate and aſſigne at his pleaſure the ſayde. xxxii. perſonnes, of his ſubiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the clergie, and. xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether houſe of the parliament. And if any of the ſaid. xxxii. perſons ſo choſen, ſhall happen to dye before they full determination: then his hyghneſſe to nominate other frome tyme tyme, of the ſaid two houſes of the parlyament, to ſupply the nombre of the ſaid. xxxii. And that the ſame. xxxii. by his highnes ſo to be named, ſhall haue power and auctoritie to viewe, ſerche, and examine the ſaide Canons, conſtitutions, and ordinaunce prouinciall and ſynodall heretofore made: and ſuche of them, as the kynges hyghnes, and the ſayde. xxxii. or the more parte of them ſhall deme and adiudge worthy to be contynued, kepte, and obeyed, ſhall be from thenſforthe kepte, obeyed, and executed within this realme, ſo that the kynges moſte royall aſſent, vnder his great ſeale, be fyrſte had to the ſame. And the reſidue of the ſayd canons, conſtitutions, and ordinaunce prouinciall, whiche the kynges highnes, and the ſayde. xxxii. perſons, or the more parte of them, ſhall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite, abrogate, and made fruſtrate: ſhall from thenſforthe be voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be put in execution within this realme. ¶ Prouyded alway that no canons, conſtitutions, or ordinance, ſhall be made or putte in execution within this realme, by auctoritie of the Conuocation of the clergie, which ſhalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatiue royall, or the cuſtomes lawes or ſtatutes of this realme: Any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye hereof not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that from the feaſte of Eaſter, which ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXIIII. no maner of appeales ſhalbe had, prouoked, or made out of this realme, or out of any the kynges dominions, to the byſhop of Rome, nor to the ſee of Rome, in any cauſes or maters happyng to be in contention, & hauing their commenſement & beginnyng in any of the courtes within this realme, or with-

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in any the kynges dominions, of what nature, condicion, or qualitie so euer they be of: but that all maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, or what cause or mattier so euer they concerne, shall be made and had by the parties greued, or hauinge cause of appele, after suche maner, forme, and condicion, as is limitted for appeles to be had and prosecuted within this realme in causes of matrimonie, tithes, oblations, and obuentions, by a statute therof made and establysshed sythen the begynnynge of this present parlyament, and accordynge to the fourme and effect of the said estatute, any vsage, custome, prescription, or any thynge or thynges to the contrary herof not withstandyng. And for lacke of Justice at or in any the courtis of the archebysshoppes of this realme, or in any the kynges dominions: it shalbe lawfull to the parties greued, to appele to the kynges maiestie, in the kynges courte of Chancerie. And that vpon euery suche appele, a cõmission shalbe directed vnder the great seale to suche persons as shalbe named by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, lyke as in case of appele from the Admyrall courte, to here, and diffinitiuely determyne suche appeales, and the causes concernynge the same. Whiche cõmissioners so by the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, to be named or appoynted, shall haue full power and auctorite to here, and diffinitiuely determyne euery suche appele, with the causes and all circumstaunces concernynge the same: And that suche iugement and sentence, as the said cõmissioners shall make and decree, in and vpon any suche appele, shall be good and effectuall, and also diffinitue: And no further appeles to be had or made from the said cõmissioners for the same.

¶ And if any person or persons, at any tyme after the said feast of Easter, prouoke or sue any maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, to the sayd bysshop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, or do procure or execute any maner of proceese from the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, to the derogation or lette of the dewe execution of this acte, or contrarie to the same: that then euery suche person or persons (so doynge) their aydours, counsaylours, and abbettours, shall incurre and renne in to the daungers, peynes, and penalties conteyned and limytted in the acte of Prouision and Premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the kynges moste noble progenitour, kyng Richarde the seconde, ageynst suche as sewe to the courte of Rome, ageyne the kynges crowne and prerogatiue royalle.

¶ Prouyded alwais, that al maner of prouocations and appeles here after to be had, made, or taken from the iurisdiction of any abbottes, priours, or other heedes & gouernours of monasteries, abbeys, priories & other houses & places exempt, in suche cases as they were wont or moughte afore the makynge of this acte, by reason of grauntes or liberties of suche places exempt, to haue or make immediatly any appele or prouocation to the bysshop of Rome, otherwyse called Pope, or to the see of Rome, that in all these cases euery person and persons, haynge cause of appele or prouocation, shall may take and make theyr appeles, and prouocations immediatly

mediately to the kynges maieſtie of this realme into the courte of Chaun-cery in lyke maner and fourme as they vſed afore to do to the ſee of Rome: whiche appeles and prouocations ſo made, ſhalbe diffinitiuely determined by auctorite of the kynges cõmiſſion: in ſuch maner and forme as in this acte is aboue mencioned. So that no archbyſhop nor byſhop of this realme, ſhall entermette or meddell with any ſuche appeles, otherwiſe, or in any other maner, then they moughte haue done afore the makynge of this acte: any thynge in this act to the contrary therof not withſtanding. ¶ Prouided alſo that ſuche canons, conſtitutions, ordinaunces, and ſynodals prouinciall, beinge all redy made, whiche be not contrariant nor repugnante to the lawes, ſtatutes, and cuſtomes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kinges prerogatiue royall, ſhal mowe ſtyll be vſed and executed as they were afore the makynge of this acte, tyll ſuche tyme as they be viewed, ſerched, or otherwiſe ordred and determined by the ſaid xxxii. perſons, or the more parte of them, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this preſent acte.

¶ An act reſtraynyng the payment of annates, or firſt frutes to the biſhop of Rome, and of the electynge and conſecratynge of archbiſhops and byſhoppes within this realme. Cap. xx.

WHere ſithen the begynning of this preſent parliament for repreſſe of the exaction of annates and firſt frutes of archebyſhoprices and biſhoprices of this realme, wrongfully take by the byſhop of Rome, otherwiſe called the pope, and the ſee of Rome, It is ordeyned and eſtablyſhed by an act amonges other thinges, that the paimentis of the annates or firſt frutes, and al maner contributions for the ſame, for any ſuche archbiſhoprice or byſhoprice, or for any bulles to be opteyned from the ſee of Rome, to or for the ſaid purpoſe or intent, ſhuld vtterly ceſſe, and no ſuch to be paide for any archebiſhoprice or biſhoprice within this realme, otherwyſe than in the ſame acte is expreſſed. And that no maner of perſon or perſons to be named, elected, preſented, or poſtulated to any archebyſhoprice or byſhoprice within this realme, ſhulde pay the ſayd annates or fyrſt frutes, nor any other maner of ſome or ſommes of money, pencions, or annuites for the ſame, or for any other lyke exaction or cauſe, vpon peyn to forfait to our ſouerayn lorde the kyng, his heires, & ſucceſſours, al maner his goodes & cattals for euer, & all the temporal landes & poſſeſſions of the ſaid archbiſhoprich or biſhoprich, during the tyme that he or they, that ſhuld offende cõtrary to the ſaid act, ſhuld haue, poſſede, & enioy the ſaid archbiſhoprich or biſhoprich. And it was further enacted, ỹ if any ꝑſon named or preſented to the See of Rome by the kinges hyghnes or his heires or ſucceſſours, to be byſhop of any ſee or dioces within this realme, ſhuld happen to be letted delaied or deferred at the ſee of Rome from any ſuche byſhoprych, whereunto he ſhuld be ſo

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presented, by meane of restraynt of bulles of the sayd byshoppe of Rome, otherwise called the pope, and other thinges requisite to the same, or should be denied at the see of Rome, vppon conuenient sute made for any bulles requisite for any suche cause: that then euery person so presented mought or shulde be consecrated here in Englande by the archebyshoppe, in whose prouince the sayde byshoppriche shall be: so alwayes that the same person shulde be named and presented by the kyng for the tyme being to the saide archbishop. And if any person being named & presented (as is beforesaide) to any archbishoprich of this realme, making conuenient suite as is aforesaid, shuld happen to be letted, delaid, deferred, or otherwise disturbed from the said archbishoprich, for lacke of pall, bulles, or other thinges to hym requisite to be obteyned at the see of Rome: that then euery such person so named and presented to be archbyshop, mought & shuld be cõsecrated & inuested after presentation made as is aforesaid, by any other. ii. bisshoppes within this realme, whom the kinges highnes, or any his heires or successours, kynges of England, wold appoint & assigne for the same, according and after like maner, as dyuers archebyshops and bishops haue ben here tofore in auncient tyme by sondrye the kynges mooste noble progenitours made, consecrated, and inuested within this realme. And it was further enacted by the said act, that euery archbishop & bishop, being named & presented by the kinges highnes, his heires & successours kinges of Englãd, & being consecrated & inuested, as is aforsaid, shalbe installed accordingly, and shuld be accepted, take, & reputed, vsed & obeyd, as an archbishop or bishop of the dignite, see, or place, wherunto he shalbe so named presented and cõsecrated, & as other like prelates of that prouince see or dioces haue be vsed accepted, taken, & obeyed, which haue had & obteyned completly their bulles and other thinges requisite in that behalfe from the see of Rome, & also shuld fully and intierly haue and enioy all the spiritualties and temporalties, of the sayde archebishoprice or bishoprice in as large ample and benefycial maner, as any of his or theyr predecessours had or enioyed in the sayde archebysshoprice or bysshoprice, satisfienge and peldynge vnto the kynges highnes, and to his heires, and successours, al such duetes, ryghtes, and inuestes, as before tyme hath ben accustomed to be paide for any suche archebyshoprice or byshoprice, accordynge to the auncient lawes and customes of this realme, and the kinges prerogatiue royall, as in the said act amonges other thinges is more at large mencioned.

¶ And all be it the sayde byshop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, hath ben enformed and certified of the effectual contentes of the said act, to the entent that by some gentyll wayes the sayde exactions myght haue benne redressed and reformed: yet neuertheles the sayd byshop of Rome hytherto hath made none answere of his mynd therin to the kinges highnes, nor deuysed or required any reasonable ways to and with our sayde souerayne lorde for the same. Wherfore his mooste royall maieste, of his mooste excellent goodnes, for the welth and profyt of this his realme and subiectes

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of the same, hath not onely put his moste grattous and royal assent to the forsayde acte, but also hath ratified and confirmed the same, and euerye clause and article therin conteyned, as by his letters patentes vnder his great seale enrolled in the parlyament rolle of this presente parlyamente more at large is conteyned.

¶ And for as moche as in the sayde acte it is not playnely and certaynely expressed, in what maner and facion archbyshoppes and byshoppes shall be elected, presented, inuested, and consecrated within this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions: Be it nowe therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraun lord, bi thassent of the lordis spiritual & temporal, & the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the sayd act, and euery thing therin conteined, shalbe & stonde in strengthe vertue and effecte, except onely that no person or persons hereafter shalbe presented nominated or cõmended to the said byshop of Rome, otherwyse called the pope, or to the see of Rome, to or for the dignitie or office of any archbyshop or byshoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, nor shal sende nor procure there for any manet of bulles, breues, palles, or other thinges requisite for an archbishop or byshop, nor shal pay any sommes of money for annates, fyrst frutes, or otherwise for expedition of any suche bulles, breues, or palles: but that by the auctorite of this act, suche presentynge, nominatynge, or commendynge to the saide byshop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, and suche bulles, breues, palles, annates, fyrste frutes, and euery other sommes of money heretofore limitted, accustomed or vsed to be payde at the said see of Rome, for procuration or expedicion of any suche bulles, breues, or palles, or other thynge concernynge the same, shall vtterly ceasse and no lenger be vsed within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, any thynge conteyned in the sayd acte afore mencioned, or any vse, custome, or prescription to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ And furthermore be it ordeined & estably shed by the auctorite aforsaid, that at euery auoydance of any archbishoprich or byshoprich within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions: the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his heires, and successours may grant to the priour and conuent, or the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churches or monasteries, where the see of such archbishoprich or bishoprich shall happen to be voyd, a licece vnder the great seale, as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed, to procede to election of an archbyshop or byshop of the see so beinge voyde, with a lettre missiue, conteynynge the name of the persone, which they shall electe and chose. By vertue of whiche licence the said dean and chapiter, or prior and couent, to whom any such licence and letters missiues shalbe directed, shal with al spede & celerite, in due forme elect and chose the said pson named in the said letters missiues, to the dignite & office of the archbishoprich or byshoprich, so beinge voyde, and none other. And if they do or differre or delay their election aboue .xii. days next after suche licence & letters missiues

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to them delyuered, that then for euery such defaut the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, at theyr lybertie and pleasure, shall nominate and present by their letters patentes vnder their great seale, suche a persone to the said office and dignitie, so being voyde, as they shal thinke able & conuenient for the same. And that euery suche nomination and presentmente to be made by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, if it be to the office and dignitie of a byshop, shalbe made to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince, where the see of the same bishoprich is voyd, if the see of the said archbyshop be the ful & not voide: & if it be voyd, then to be made to suche archebyshoppe or metropolitane within this realme, or in any the kinges dominions, as shall please the kinges highnes, his heires or successours. And if any suche nomination or presentment shall happen to be made for defaut of suche election to the dignitie or office of any archbyshop: then the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, by his letters patentis vnder his great seale shal nominate and present suche persone as they wyll dispose to haue the said office and dignitie of archbyshopriche being voide, to one suche archbyshop, and .iii. suche bishops, or els to .iiii. suche bishoppes in this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, as shalbe assigned by our sayd souerayne lorde his heires or successours.

¶ And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that when so euer any suche presentment or nomination shalbe made by the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or successours, by vertue and auctoritie of this act, and accordynge to the tenour of the same: that then euery archebyshop and byshop, to whose handes any suche presentment and nomination shalbe directed, shall with all spede & celeritie inuest and consecrate the persone nominate & presented by the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours to the office and dignitie, that such person shalbe so presented vnto, & giue and vse to him pall and al other benedictions, ceremonies, & thinges requisite for the same, without sumge, procurynge, or obteynyng hereafter any bulles or other thynges at the see of Rome for anye suche office or dignitie in anye behalfe. And yf the sayde deane and chappter, or priour and conuente, after suche licence and letters missiues to them directed within the sayd .xii. dayes, do elect and chose the sayd persone mencioned in the sayde letters missiues, accordynge to the requeste of the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or successoures, therof to be made by the sayd letters missiues in that behalfe: than theyr election shal stonde good and effectuall to all intentes, and that the person so elected, after certification made of the same election, vnder the comen and couent seale of the electours to the kinges hyghnes, his heyres, or successours, shall be reputed and taken by the name of lorde electyd of the sayd dignitie and office, that he shalbe electyed vnto: And then makynge suche othe & feautie only to the kynges maiestie, his heires & successours, as shall be appoynted for the same, the kynges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the said election, if it be to the dignite of a byshop, to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince

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where the see of the sayd byshoprziche was voyde, if the see of the said archbyshop be ful & not voyd. And if it be voyde, than to any other archbishop within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, requiryng and commaundyng suche archebyshop, to whom any such signification shalbe made, to confirme the said election, and to inuest and consecrate the saide persone so electyd to the office and dignitie that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym all suche benedictions, ceremonies, and other thynges requisite for the same, without any sutinge, procuryng, or obteynynge any bulles, letters, or other thynges from the see of Rome for the same in any behalfe. And if the person be elected to the office & dignitie of an archbyshop, accordynge to the tenour of this acte, then after such election certified to the kinges highnes in forme aforesaide, the same persone so elected to the office and dignitie of an archbyshop, shall be reputed and taken lord elect to the said office and dignitie of archebyshop, whervnto he shall be so elected: And then after he hathe made suche othe and feautie onely to the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, as shal be limitted for the same, the kinges highnes, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the said election to one archebishop and. ii. other bishops, or els to. iiii. bishops within this realme, or within any other the kynges dominions, to be assigned by the kynges hyghnes, his heyres, or successours, requiringe and cõmandinge the saide archebishop and bishoppes with all spede and celeritie, to confirme the saide election, and to inuest and consecrate the said person, so elected to the office and dignitie, that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym suche palle, benedictions, ceremonies, and all other thinges requisite for the same, without supynge, procurynge, or obteynynge any bulles, breues, or other thinges at the said see of Rome, or by the auctorite therof in any behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery person and persons beinge here after chosen, elected, nominate, presented, inuested, and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any archbyshop or bishop within this realme, or within any other the kinges dominions, accordinge to the fourme, tenure, and effecte of this presente acte, and suyng their temporalties out of the kynges handes, his heyres or successours, as hath ben accustomed, and makynge a corporalle othe to the kynges hyghnes, and to none other, in fourme as is afore rehersed, shall and may from hensforthe be trononiſed or installed, as the case shall require, and shall haue and take their only restitution, out of the kinges handes, of al the possessions & profites spirituall & tẽporal belonging to the said archbishoprich or bishoprich, whervnto they shalbe so elected or presented, and shall be obeyed in all maner of thynges, accordynge to the name, title, degree, and dignitie, that they shalbe so chosen or presented vnto, and do and execute in euery thinge and thinges, touchynge the same, as any archbishop or byshop of this realme, without offendinge of the prerogatiue royall of the crowne, and the lawes and customes of this realme, mought at any tyme heretofore do.

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¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that if the priour and couente of any monasterie, or deane & chaptre of any cathedrall churche, where the see of any archbishop or bishop is within any the kynges dominions, after suche licence, as is afore rehersed shalbe delyuered to them, procede not to election, and signifie the same accordynge to the tenour of this acte, within the space of. xx. dayes nexte after suche licence shall come to theyr handes, or els if any archebishop or bishop within any the kynges dominions, after any suche election nomination or presentation shall be signified vnto them by the kinges letters patentes, shal refuse and do not confirme, inuest, & consecrate, with all due circumstance as is afore sayd, euery suche person as shalbe so elected, nominate, or presented, & to them signified, as is aboue mencioned, within. xx. dayes nexte after the kynges letters patentes of suche signification, or presentation shall come to theyr handes: or els if any of them or any other person or psons, admitte, maynteyne, allowe, obey, do, or execute any censures, excommunications, interdictions, inhibitions, or any other proces or acte, of what nature name or qualitie soeuer hit be, to the contrarie or lette of dewe execution of this acte: that then euery priour and particular person of his conuent, and euery deane and particular persone of the chapitter, and euery archebishop & bishop, and all other persons so offendynge and doing contrarie to this act, or any parte therof, and theyr aydours, counsailours, and abbettours shal ronne in the daungers, peynes, & penalties of the estatute of the Prouision & premunire, made in the. xvb. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwards the thirde, and in the. xvi. yere of kynge Richarde the seconde.

¶ An acte concernynge the exoneration of the kynges subiectes from exactions and impositions here tofore payde to the see of Rome: and for hauynge licences and dispensations within this realme without suinge further for the same. Cap. xxi.

MOst humbly beseechen your most royal mateste your obedient and faithfull subiectes, the commons of this your present parliament assembled by your moste dradde commaundemente: That where your subiectes of this your realme, and of other countreis and dominions beynge vnder your obeysance, by many yeres past haue ben and yet be greatly decayde and impouerished by suche intollerable exactions of greate summes of money, as haue ben claimed and taken, and yet continually be claimed to be taken out of this your realme, and other your sayde contres and dominions by the bysshoppe of Rome, called the pope, & the see of Rome, as well in pentions, cenes, peter pence, procurations, fruites, suites for prouisions and expeditions of bulles for archbishoprices, and bishoprices, and for delegacies, and rescriptis

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in causes of contentions and appeles, iurisdictions legatine, and also for despensations, lycences, faculties, grauntis, relaxatiōs, writtes called Per inde valere, rehabilitations, abolitions, & other infinite sortes of buls, breues, & instrumentes of sondry natures names & kyndes in great nombres heretofore practised and opteyned, otherwise then by the lawes, laudable vses, & customes of this realme shuld be permitted, the specialitees wherof ben ouer longe, large in nombre, and tedious here paticularly to be inserted. Wherin the byshop of Rome afore sayde, hath not ben onely to be blamed, for his vsurpation in the premysses, but also for his abusynge and begylynge your subiectes, pretendynge and perswadynge to theym, that he hath full power to dispence with all humayne lawes, vses, and customes of all realmes, in all causes, whiche be called spirituall. Whiche mattier hathe ben vsurped and practised by hym and his predecessours by manye yeres, in great derogation of your imperiall crowne and auctorite royall, contrarie to ryght and conscience. For where this your graces realme recognisynge no superiour vnder god but onely your grace, hath ben and is free from subiection to anye mans lawes, but onely to suche as haue bene deuised, made, and ordeyned within this realme for the welth of the same, or to suche other, as by sufferaunce of your grace and your progenitours, the people of this your realme haue taken atte theyr free lybertye by theyr owne consente to be vsed amonges theym, and haue bounde theym selfes by longe vse & custome to the obseruance of the same, not as to the obseruaūce of ẏ lawes of any forein price, potētate, or p̄late: but as to ẏ customed & anciēt lawes of this realme, originally established, as lawes of the same, by ẏ said sufferance, consentis, & custome, & none other wise. It stōdeth therfore with natural equite and good reason, that in all & euerye suche lawes humayne, made within this realme, or induced into this realme by the said sufferance, consentes, and custome: your royall maiestie, and your lordes spiritualle and temporalle, and commons representynge the holle state of your realme, in this your mooste highe courte of parliament, haue full power and auctorite, not onelye to dispence, but also to auctorise some electe person or persones, to dispence with those and all other humayne lawes of this your realme, and with euerye one of theym, as the qualite of the persons and matier shal require. And also the sayde lawes and euery of them, to abrogate, adnul, amplifie, or diminishe, as it shalbe sene vnto your maiestie, and the nobles and commons of your realme, present in your parliament, mete & conuenient for the welth of your realme: as by dyuers good and holsome actis of parliamentes, made and established, as well in your tyme, as in the tyme of your moste noble progenitours, it maye playnelye and euidently appere. And by cause that it is nowe in these dayes present, seen, that the state, dignitee, superioritee, reputation, and auctorite of the sayde imperiall crowne of this realme, by the longe sufferaunce of the sayd vnreasonable and vncharitable vsurpations and exactions, practised in the tymes of your mooste noble progenitours, is moche and sore decayde,

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and diminished, and the people of this realme therby impouerished, and so or worse be lyke to continue, if remedie be not therfore shortly prouyded.

¶ It may therfore please your moste noble maiestie, for the honour of almyghty god, and for the tender loue, zele, and affection, that ye beare and always haue borne to the welthe of this your realme, and subiectes of the same, for as moche as your maieste is supreme heed of the churche of Englande, as the prelates and clergie of your realme, representynge the said churche in theyr Synodes and conuocations haue recognised: in whome consisteth ful power and auctorite vpon al such lawes as haue ben made & vsed within this realme: to ordeine and enact by the assent of your lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cõmons in this your present parliament assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that no person or persons of this your realme, or of any other your dominions, shal from hensforth pay any pẽsions, censes, portions, peterpence, or any other impositions to the vse of the said byshop, or of the see of Rome, like as heretofore they haue vsed, by vsurpation of the said bishop of Rome, & his predecessours, and suffrance of your highnes and your most noble progenitours to do, but that al suche pensions, censes, portions, and peterpence, which the said bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, hath heretofore taken and perceiued, or caused to be taken and perceiued to his vse & his chaumbres, whiche he calleth apostolike, by vsurpation and sufferaunce, as is aboueseide, within this your realme, or any other your dominions, shall from hens forthe clerely surcesse, and neuer more be leuied, taken, perceyued, nor paide to any person or persons in any maner of wyse, any constitution, vse, prescription, or custome to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be hit ferther enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that neyther your hyghnes, your heyres, nor successours kynges of this realme, nor any your subiectes of this realme, nor of any other your dominions, shal from hensforthe sewe to the sayd byshoppe of Rome, called the pope, or to the see of Rome, or to any person or persons, hauing or pretendyng any auctoritie by the same, for licences, dispensations, impositions, faculties, grãtes, rescriptes, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytynges, of what kynde, name, nature, or qualitie so euer they be of, for any cause or matter: for the whiche any licence, dispensation, composition, faculte, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, or other writyng heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed to be had and optayned at the see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, or of any prelate of this realme: nor for any maner of other licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, grantes, rescriptis, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytinges, that in causes of necessitie may laufully be granted without offendinge of the holy scriptures and lawes of god: But that from hensforthe euery suche lycence, dispensation, composition, faculte, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, and other writyng afore named and mencioned, necessarie for your hyghnes, your heyres or successours, and your and their people and subiectes, vpon

the dewe examinations of the causes and qualities of the persons procurynge suche dispensations, licences, compositions, faculties, graunts, rescriptis, delegacies, instrumentes, or other writinges, shalbe graunted, hadde, and obteyned frome tyme to tyme, within this your realme, and other your dominions, and not els where, in maner and fourme folowinge and none otherwyse: that is to saye, the archbyshop of Canturburie, for the tyme beinge, and his successours, shall haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, by theyr discretions, to gyue, graunt, and dispose by an instrument, vnder the seale of the sayde archebyshoppe, vnto your maiestie, and to your heyres and successours, kynges of this realme, as well al maner suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, graunts, rescriptes, delegacies, instrumentes, and all other writinges for causes not beinge contrarie or repugnant to the holy scriptures and lawes of god, as heretofore hath ben vsed, and accustomed to be had and obteyned by your highnes, or any your moste noble progenitours, or any of yours or theyr subiectes, at the see of Rome: or any person or persons by auctorite of the same: & al other lycences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, graunts, rescriptes, delegacies, instrumentes, and other writynges, in, for, and vpon all suche causes and matters, as shalbe conuenient and necessarie to be had, for the honour and suretie of your highnes, your heires, and successours, and the welthe and profyte of this your realme: So that the said archbyshop, or any his successours, in no maner wise shal graunt any dispensation, licence, rescript, or any other writing afore rehersed, for any cause or matter repugnant to the lawe of almyghty god.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said archbyshop and his successours, after good & due examination by them had, of the causes and qualities of the persons procurynge for licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentes, or other writynges, shal haue full power and auctorite by them selfe, or by theyr sufficient and substanciall commissarie or deputie by theyr discretions from tyme to tyme, to graunt and dispose by an instrument vnder the name and seale of the sayd archbyshop, as wel to any of your subiectes, as to the subiectes of your heires and successours, all maner licences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or other writinges for any suche cause or matier, wherof heretofore suche licences, dispensations, cõpositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or writinges, haue bene accustomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, or of any prelate of this realme. And that the said archbyshop and his commissarie shall not graunte anye other licence, dispensation, composition, faculte, writinge, or instrumente in causes vnwonte and not accustomed to be had or obteyned at the Courte of Rome, nor by auctoritie therof, nor by any prelate of this realme, vntylle your grace, your heires, or successours, or your or theyr counsayle shall fyrst be aduertised therof, and determine whether suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, or

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other writinges in suche cause vnwont and not accustomed to be dispensed withall, or obteyned, shall commonly passe as other dispensations, faculties, or other writynges, shal or no: vpon peyne that the graunters of euery suche licence, dispensation, or writynge in suche cause vnwont, contrarie to this acte, shal make fine at the wyl and pleasure of your grace your heires & successours. And if it be thought & determined by your grace your heires or successours, or your or their counsayle, that dispensations, faculties, licences, or other writinges in any suche cause vnwonte, shall passe: then the sayde archebyshop or his commissarie, haynge licence of your highnes, your heires, or successours for the same, by your or their byl assigned, shal dispence with them accordyngly.

Prouided alwaps, that no maner of dispensations, licences, faculties, or other rescriptes or writynges hereafter to be graunted to any person or persones by vertue or auctoryte of this acte by the sayde archebyshoppe, or his commissarie, beinge of suche importance, that the tare for the expedition therof at Rome, extended to the summe of foure poundes or aboue, shall in any wise be putte in execution, tylle the same licence, dispensation, faculte, rescripte, or other wrytynge, of what name or nature so euer it be of, be fyrste confyrmed by your hyghnes, your heyres, or successours, kinges of this realme, vnder the great seale, and incolled in your Chauncerye in a rolle by a clerke to be appoynted for the same: And that this acte shalle be sufficiente warrante to the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beynge, or to hym, whome youre grace, youre heyres or successours shall depute to be keper of the greatte Seale, to confyrme in youre name, your heyres, or successours the foresayde writynges, passed vnder the saide archebyshops seale, by letters patentes in due forme therof to be made vnder your great seale, remittynge as well the sayd writynge, vnder the archebyshops seale, as the saide confirmation vnder the great seale, to the parties from tyme to tyme procurynge for the same. And that all suche licences, dispensations, facultees, and other rescriptes and writynges, for the expedition of the whiche the saide tares to be payde at Rome, was vnder.iiii.li. which be mattiers of no great importance, shal passe only by the archbyshops seale, & shal not of any necessite be confirmed by the great seale, oneles the procurers of suche licence, faculte, or dispensation, desire to haue them so confirmed: In which case they shal pay for the sayd great seale, to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours. v. s. sterlinges, and not aboue, ouer and beside suche tare as shall be hereafter limitted for the makynge, writinge, regestrynge, confirmynge, and inrollyng of suche licences confirmations & wrytynges, vnder the said tare of.iiii.li. And that euery suche licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, rescript, and writinge, of what name or nature so euer it be, for suche causes as the tare was wonte to be.iiii.li. or aboue, so granted by the archebyshop, and confirmed vnder the great seale, and all other licences, dispensations, faculties, rescriptes, and writinges hereafter to be granted by the archbyshop

by vertue and auctozite of this act, whervnto the great ſeale is not limited of neceſſite to be put to, by reaſon that the taxe of them is vnder. iiii.li. ſhalbe accepted, appzoued, allowed, and admitted good & effectuall in the lawe, in all places, courtes, and iuriſdictions, as well ſpiritual as temporal within this realme, and els where, within your dominions, and as beneficiall to the perſons obteynyng the ſame, as they ſhuld haue ben, if they had bene opteyned with all thynges requiſite, of the See of Rome, oz of any other perſone by auctozite therof, withoute anye reuocation oz repeale hereafter to be had of any ſuch licences, diſpenſations, faculties, reſcriptes oz writinges, of what nature ſo euer they be. And that al childzen pzocreated after ſolempniſation of any mariages to be hadde oz done by vertue of ſuch licences oz diſpenſations, ſhalbe admitted, reputed, and taken legittimate in all courtis, as well ſpiritual as tempozal, and in al other places, & inherite the inheritance of theyr parentis & anceſtours within this your realme, and al other your dominions, accozdyng to the lawes and cuſtomes of the ſame: and all actes to be done, had, oz executed accozdyng to the tenour of ſuche licences, diſpenſations, faculties, wzytynges, oz other inſtrumentis to be made oz graunted by auctozitie of this acte, ſhalbe firme, permanente, and remayne in fozce: any fozeyne lawes, conſtitutions, decrees, canons, decretalles, inhibitions, vſe, cuſtome, pzeſcription, oz anye other thynge hadde, oz hereafter to be made to the contrarye, not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that the ſaid archebyſhop and his ſucceſſours ſhall haue power and auctozitie to ozdeyne, make, and conſtitute a clerke, which ſhal wzite & regeſtre euery ſuch licence, diſpẽſation, facultie, wzyting, oz other inſtrument to be graunted by the ſayd archebiſhop, and ſhal fynde parchement, wexe, and ſylken laces conuenient foz the ſame, and ſhall take foz his peynes ſuche ſummes of money as ſhalbe here after in this pzeſent acte to hym limitted in that behalfe foz the ſame. And that lyke wiſe your grace, your heires & ſucceſſours, ſhal by your letters patẽtes, vnder your great ſeale, ozdeyne depute and conſtitute one ſufficient clerke, beinge lerned in the courſe of the Chancerie, whiche alwayes ſhalbe attendant vpon the lozde Chancellour, oz the lozde keper of the great ſeale, foz the time beinge, and ſhal make wzite and enrolle the confirmations of al ſuche licences, diſpenſations, inſtrumentes, and other wzitynges, as ſhalbe thither bzought vnder the archebiſhops ſeale, there to be confirmed and enrolled: And ſhal alſo intitle in his bokes and enroll of recozde ſuche other wzitinges, as thither ſhalbe bzought vnder the archebiſhops ſeale not to be confirmed, taking foz his peynes ſuche reaſonable ſummes of money, as here after by this acte to hym ſhalbe limitted foz the ſame. And that as wel the ſayde clerke appoynted by the ſayd archebiſhop, as the ſayde clerke to be appoynted by your highnes, your heyzes, oz ſucceſſours, ſhall ſubſcribe theyr names to euerye ſuche licence, diſpenſation, facultie, oz other wzitinge, that ſhal come to theyr handes to be wzitẽ, made, graũted, ſealed,

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confyrmed, regestred, and enrolled by auctoryte of this acte, in fourme as is before rehersed.

¶ AND for as moche as the charges of obteynyng the sayde licences, dispensations, faculties, and other rescriptes or wrytynges afore named, at the courte of Rome, by the losses and exchaunges, & in conductyng of currours, and wageinge solicitours, to sue for any suche licences, dyspensations, faculties, instrumentis, and other rescryptes or wrytynges, haue be greuous & excessiue to your people, & many tymes greatter sommes haue ben demanded for the spedy expedition in the courte of Rome, then be expressed in the olde tare, limytted to be payde for the sayd expedicyons, wher by your people hath ben brought to an incertayne vpon the payment for expedycions of suche thynges, and by reason therof haue ben constreyned to pay more then they were wont to do, to the great impouerysshyng of this realme, as is afore sayd. And soune tymes the spedynge of suche dispensations, faculties, licences, and other wrytynges at Rome, haue ben so longe differred, that the parties labo*r*ynge for the same, haue suffred great incõmodities and losse for lacke of quicke spede, whiche here after maye be had within this your realme, to the great cõmoditie of your people. Wherby the charges of makynge exchanges conductynge of currours and solicitours for the sayd dyspensations, shalbe abated, and your people so moche releued and eased, to thentent that all ambiguite and incertaynte of paymentes for dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescryptes & wrytynges may be taken awey, that no fraude or exaction shalbe exercised vpõ your people, by suche officers as shalbe apoynted by this acte, to take peynes in spedyng such dispensations, faculties, and licences: but that your people may be sure and certayne, what they be appoynted to paye for the same: Be it enacted by this present parliament, and by the auctoryte of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawen & made of one tenour: in which shalbe conteyned the tares of all customable dispensations, faculties, licences, and other wrytynges, wonte to be spedde at Rome, whiche bokes and euery lefe of those bokes, and bothe sides of euery lefe, shalbe subscribed by the archebyshop of Canturburie, the lorde Chancellour of Englande, the lorde Treasourer of England, and the two chiefe Justices of both benches for the tyme beynge: to the which bokes all suters for dispensations, faculties, licences, & other wrytynges afore rehersed, shall haue recourse, yf they require it. And one of the sayd bokes shall remayne in the handes of hym, whiche shalbe appoynted to be regester and scrybe of the said dispẽsations, faculties & licences, vnder the said archbyshop of Canturburie, in fourme as is before sayd: And the other boke shall remayne with the clerke of the Chauncerie, whiche by your grace, your heyres, or successours shall be appoynted, as is before rehersed. Whiche clerke of the Chauncerie shall also intitle and note partycularly and dayly in his boke, ordeyned for that purpose, the nombre and qualite of the dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes and wrytynges, which shalbe sealed onely with the seale of

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the ſaid archebyſhop: and alſo whiche ſhalbe ſealed with the ſaid ſeale, and confirmed with the great ſeale, in fourme as is befoze ſayd, that al fraude and concelement in this behalfe may be auoyded.

¶ AND be it enacted, by this preſent parliament, & by thauctozite of the ſame, that no man ſuynge foz diſpenſations, faculties, licences, oz other reſcriptes oz writtinges, which where wont to be ſped at Rome, ſhall pay any moze foz theyz diſpenſations licences oz reſcriptis, then ſhalbe conteyned, tared, and limitted in the ſayde duplicate bokes of tares: onely compoſitions excepted, of which being arbitrarie no tare can be made: wherfoze the tare therof ſhalbe ſet & limitted by the diſcretion of the ſaid archbiſhop of Canturburie, and the lozde Chauncellour of Englande, oz the lozde keper of the great ſeale, foz the tyme beinge. And that ſuche as ſhall exacte oz receyue of any ſuiter moze foz any diſpenſation, facultie, oz licence then ſhalbe conteyned in the the ſayde bokes of tares, ſhal forfayte ten times ſo moche, as he ſhal ſo extoztiously exact and receyue: The one halfe of the whiche forfaiture to be to the vſe of your grace, your heires, oz ſucceſſours, and the other halfe therof to be to ſuch of your ſubiectes as wil ſue foz the ſame by action, bil, oz playnt in any of your graces courtes, wherin the defendãt ſhall haue none eſſoen noz protection allowed, neither ſhalbe admitted to wage his lawe.

BE IT alſo enacted by this parliament and auctozite of the ſame, that the tare oz ſumme appoynted to be payde foz euery ſuche diſpenſation, licence, facultee, inſtrument, reſcripte, oz other writynge to be graunted by auctozitie of this acte, ſhalbe employed and ozdered, as here after enſueth: that is to ſay, If the tare extende to. iiii. li. oz aboue, by reaſon wherof the diſpenſation, licence, facultie, reſcripte, oz writinge, which ſhalle paſſe by the ſaide archebyſhoppes ſeale, muſte be confirmed by thappenſion of the greatte ſeale: then the ſayde tare ſo extendynge to. iiii. li. oz aboue, ſhall be deuyded in to. iii. partis, wherof two ſhall be percepued by the ſayde clerke of the Chauncerie to be appoynted, as is afozeſayde, to the vſe of your highnes, your heyres, and ſucceſſours, and to the vſe of the lozde Chauncellour, oz the keper of the great ſeale, foz the tyme beynge, and to the vſe of the ſayde clerke, in ſuche wyſe as hereafter ſhall be declared: And the thyrde parte ſhalle be taken by the ſayde clerke of the archebyſhoppe, to the vſe of the ſame archebyſhoppe and his commiſſarye and his ſayde clerke and regeſter, in ſuche wyſe as hereafter ſhall be ozdered and limitted by this acte: That is to ſaye, The ſayde two partes ſhall be deuided in foure partes, of whiche three partes ſhall be taken to the onely vſe of youre hyghenes, youre heyres, and ſucceſſours: and the fourthe parte ſhalbe deuyded in three partes, wherof the Chauncellour of Englande, oz lozde keper of the great ſeale, foz the tyme beinge, ſhall haue two partes, and the ſayde clerke of the Chauncerie the thyrde parte foz his peynes, trauayle, and labours, that he is limitted to wzyte and doo by vertue of this acte. And the ſayde thirde parte of the hole tare, appoynted to the

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ſayde archbyſhoppe and his officers (as is afore ſayde) ſhall be deuyded in to thre partes, wherof the archebyſhoppe ſhall haue to his vſe two partis, and his officers ſhall haue the thyrde part therof: of whiche thyrde parte to be deuyded in two partes, the ſayde clerke or regeſter, whiche ſhall fynde parchemente, ware, and ſylke, and ſhall deuyſe and wryte the ſayd diſpenſations, licences, faculties, reſcriptes, or other wrytinges, & regeſtre the ſame, ſhall haue for his ſayde labour, and for receyuynge and repayenge of the ſummes of moneye, that ſhall comme to his handes for diſpenſations, faculties, licences, and other reſcriptes aforeſaide, the one moytie therof, and the commiſſarie of the ſayde archbyſhoppe, appoynted to ſeale the ſayde diſpenſations, faculties, licences, and other reſcriptes, ſhall haue the other parte. And if the tare be vnder foure. li. and not vnder. xl. s. thē the ſaid tare ſhalbe deuided into thre partis, as is aforeſaid, wherof the kinges highnes, his heires, & ſucceſſours ſhall haue. ii. partis wherof, abating. iii. s. iiii. d. which ſhalbe to the ſaid clerke of the Chancery for ſubſcribyng entirelyng and enrollyng the ſaid diſpenſations, licences, faculties, reſcriptes, and other wrytinges aforeſayde, and receyuynge of the kynges moneye ſo tared: And the archebyſhoppe and his officers ſhall haue the thyrde parte, whiche thyrde parte ſhall be deuided into two partes, whereof the archebyſhoppe ſhall haue the one entierely to hym ſelfe, his ſcrybe and commiſſarie ſhall haue the other parte therof, egally to be deuyded amonges them for they? coſtes and peynes in that behalfe. And if the tare be vnder forty ſhyllinges, and not vnder. xxvi. ſhyllynges eight pence, the ſame tare ſhall be deuyded in to two partes, wherof the one parte ſhall be to your grace, your heyres, and ſucceſſours, deductyng therof. ii. s. for the clerke of the chancerie, for his peynes, as is aforeſayd: And the other part ſhalbe to the ſayde archebyſhop and his officers, whiche other parte ſhalbe deuided in to. ii. partis, wherof the archebiſhop ſhall haue the one, and his commiſſarie and ſcribe ſhall haue the other egallye deuided amonges them. And if the tare be vnder. xxvi. s. viii. d. and not vnder. xx. s. the ſame ſhalbe deuided in two partys, wherof your grace, your heires, and ſucceſſours ſhall haue the one parte entierlye, abatinge ii. s. therof to the ſayde clerke of the chauncerye: and the archebiſhop and his officers ſhall haue the other parte, and the ſame other parte ſhalbe deuided in to thre partes, wherof the archebiſhop ſhall haue one, his commiſſarie the ſeconde, and his ſcribe or regeſter the thyrde. And in caſe the tare be vnder. xx. s. the ſame ſhalbe perceyued to the vſe of the ſayde commiſſarie, clerke of the ſayde archebiſhop, and clerke of the chancerye, to be egally deuided amongeſt them for they? peynes and labours by them to be ſuſteyned by auctorytie of this acte, as is afore ſayde.

Prouided alwayes that this acte ſhal not be preudiciall to the archebyſhoppe of yorke or to any byſhoppe or prelate of this realme: but that they may laufully (not withſtandynge this acte) diſpence in al caſes, in whiche they were wont to diſpence by the common lawe or cuſtome of this realme afore

afore the makynge of this acte.

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if it happen the see of the archbishoprieche of Canturburie to be voyd, that then all suche maner licences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, rescriptis, and other writinges, whiche may be graunted by vertue and auctorite of this acte, shall (duryng the vacation of the same See) be had, done, and graunted vnder the name and seale of the gardyane of the spiritualties of the sayd archbyshoprieche for the tyme beinge, accordynge to the tenour and fourme of this acte, and shall be of lyke force, value, and effecte, as if they hadde bene graunted vnder the name and seale of the archebyshoppe for the tyme beinge.

¶ And be it farther enacted, that if the forsayd archebyshop of Canturburie (for the tyme beinge) or the sayd gardian of the spiritualties, for the tyme being, hereafter refuse or denie to grant any lycences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, or other writinges, which they be auctorised to do by vertue and auctorite of this act, in suche maner and forme as is afore remembred to any person or persons, that ought of a good, iuste, and reasonable cause to haue the same, by reson wherof this present act by their wilfulnes, negligence, or defaulte, shulde take none effecte: than the Chancellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge, vpon any complaynte therof made, shall directe the kynges writte to the sayd archbyshop or gardian, denienge or refusyng to graunte suche licences, dispensations, faculties, or other writynges, iniopynynge hym by the saide writte, vpon a certayne peyne therin to be lymitted by the discretion of the sayde chauncellour, or keper of the great seale, that he shall in due forme graunt suche licence, dispensation, faculte, or other writynge, accordynge to the requeste of the procurers of the same: or els signifie vnto your highnes, your heires or successours in the courte of Chaunceric, at a certayn day, for what occasion or cause he refused and denied to grant suche licences, faculties, or dispensations. And if it shall appere to the said Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the great seale, vpon suche certificat, that the cause of refusall or denyall of grauntynge such licences, faculte, or dispensation was reasonable, iuste, and good: that then so beinge prooued by due serche and examination of the sayd Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the great seale, to be admitted and allowed. And if it shall appere vppon the sayde certificat, that the sayde archebysshoppe or gardiane of the spiritualties, for the tyme beynge, of wylfulnes, in contempynge the dewe execution of this acte, without a iuste and reasonable cause, refused or denied to graunte suche licence, faculte, or dispensation: that then your hyghenes, your heires and successours, beinge therof informed, after due examination had, that suche licences, faculties, or dispensations may be graunted, without offendyng the holy scriptures, and lawes of god, shall haue power and auctorite in euery suche case, for the defaulte, negligence, and wylfulnes of the sayd archbyshop, or gardiane, to

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sende your writte of Iniunction, vnder your great seale, out of your said
courte of Chauncerie, commaundynge the archbyshop or gardian, that so
shall denie or refuse to graunt such licence, facultie, or dispensation, to make
sufficient graunt therof, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte,
by a certayne day, and vnder a certayne peyne in the said writte to be con-
teined, and to be limitted by your highnes, your heires or successours, kin-
ges of this realme. And if the said archebyshop or gardiane, after the re-
ceypte of the sayde writte, refuse or denie to graunte suche licences, facul-
ties, or dispensations, as shall be injoyned hym by vertue of the sayde
writte, and shewe and proue before your maiestie, youre heyres, or succes-
sours, no iuste or reasonable cause, why he shoulde so do: then the saide
archebyshoppe or gardiane, that so shall refuse to putte this acte in execu-
tion, accordynge to the sayde writte of Iniunction, shall suffre, lose, and
forfaite to your hyghnes, your heires, and successours, such peyne and pe
naltie, as shalbe limitted and expressed in the sayd writte of Iniunction.
And ouer that it shall be lawfull to your highnes, your heires, and succes-
sours, for euery suche defaulte and wylfulnes of the sayde archebyshoppe
or gardiane, for the tyme beinge, to gyue power and auctorite by com-
million, vnder your great seale to suche two spirituall prelatis or persons
to be named by your highnes, your heires, or successours, as woll do and
graunt suche licences, faculties, and dispensations, refused or denied to be
granted by the said archebyshop, or gardian, in contempte of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde two
spirituall prelates or persones, to whome in suche cases, any suche com-
million shalbe directed, shal haue power and auctorite to grant euery such
licence, facultie, dispensation, instrument, and other writynges so refused
to be granted by the sayde archbysshop or gardian for the tyme beinge, by
an instrumente vnder theyr seales, takynge lyke fees and charges for the
same, as is before rehersed, and not aboue, vnder the peynes afore remem-
bred. And that euery suche licence, facultie, and dispensation so graunted
for any cases or matters, wherunto any confirmation vnder the kynges
great seale is appoynted by this acte, to be had in maner and forme aboue
declared, shall be had and obteyned accordyngely. And suche licences and
confirmations shalbe had for lyke fees and charges, as they ar aboue spe-
cified, and not aboue, vnder the peynes aboue mencioned. And that eue-
ry suche lycence, facultie, dispensation, and other writinge to be graunted
by the sayde prelates or persons to be assigned by the kynges highnes, his
heyres, & successours, as is aforesayd, shalbe of as good value, strengthe,
and effecte, and as benefictall and profitable to the persones procurynge
the same, as if they had ben made graunted and obteyned vnder the name
and seale of the sayd archebishop.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this act nor any thynge or thinges therin con-
teyned, shalbe hereafter interpreted or expounded, y your grace, your nobles,
& subiectes intende by the same to declyne or vary from the congregation of

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Christis church, in any thynges, concernyng the veray artícles of the Catholike feythe of christendome, or in any other thinges declared by holye scripture & the word of god necessary for your & theyr saluations: but only to make an ordenance by policies necessarie & conuenient to represse vice, and for good conseruation of this realme in peace, vnite, and tranquilite, from ruine and spoyle, vse wynge moche the olde auncient customes of this realme in that behalfe: Not myndynge to seke for anye releefes, succours, or remedies for any worldly thynges and humayne lawes, in any cause of necessite, but within this realme at the handes of your highnes, your heyres, and successours kynges of this realme, whiche haue & ought to haue an imperial power and auctorite in the same, and not obliged in any worldly causes to any other superiour.

Prouyded alwaye that the sayde archebishop of Canturburie, or anye other persone or persones, shall haue no power or auctoritie by reason of this act, to visete or vere any monasteries, abbeys, priories, colleges, hospitals, houses, or other places religious, whiche be or were exempte before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withstandynge: but that redresse, visitation, and confirmation shalbe had by the kynges highenes, his heires, and successours by commission vnder the great seale to be directed to suche persones, as shall be appoynted requisite for the same, in suche monasteries, colleges, hospitals, priories, houses and places religious exempt. So that no visitation nor confirmation shall from henseforth be had nor made, in or at any suche monasteries, colleges hospitalles, priories, houses and places religious exempte by the sayd bysshoppe of Rome, nor by any of his auctorite, nor by any out of the kynges dominions. Nor that any person religious or other resiant in any the kynges dominions, shall from henseforthe departe out of the kynges dominiõs, to or for any visitation, congregation, or assemble for religion: but that all suche visitations, congregations, and assemblees shalbe with in the kynges dominions.

Prouyded also, that this present acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned, or any licence or dispensation hereafter to be made by vertue and auctorite therof, shall not extende to the repeale or derogation of the late acte made sith the begynnynge of this present parlyament, for reformation of pluralites of benefices, and for none residencis of spirituall persons vpon theyr dignitees or benefices, nor to anye thynges conteyned or mencioned in the sayde acte. Nor that this acte, nor any thinge to be done by auctorite therof, shall not be taken, expounded, nor interpreted, to geue licence to any person or persons, to haue any more nõbre of benefices, then is limitted in the sayde acte. And that the same acte for pluralitees and none residences of benefices, & euery thynge therin conteyned shall stonde good & effectual in al intentes, accordynge to the true meaninge therof: any thinge in this present acte, or any licence or dispensation to be had by auctorite therof in any wise not withstandynge.

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¶And be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that if any person or persons, subiecte or reseaunt within this realme, or within any of the kynges dominions, at any tyme hereafter sue to the courte of Rome, or the see of Rome, or to any person, claymynge to haue his auctorite by the same, for any licence, facultee, dispensacion, or other thynge or thynges contrarie to this acte, or put in execution any lycence, facultee, or dispensation, or anye other thynge or thynges hereafter to be opteyned from Rome or the see of Rome, or from any claymynge auctoritie by the same, for any of the causes aboue mencioned in this acte, or for any other causes that maye be graunted by auctorite of this acte, or attempt or do any thyng or thynges, contrarye to this acte, or maynteyne, allowe, admitte, or obey any manet of censures, excommunications, interdictions, or any other processe from Rome, of what name or nature so euer hit be, to the derogation or lette of the execution of this act, or of any thynge or thynges to be done by reason of the sayd acte: that then euery suche person or persons so doinge, offendinge, and beinge therof conuicte, theyr aidours, counsailours, and abbettours shal incurre and ronne in to the peyne, losse, and penalte comprised and specified in the act of Prouision and Premunire, made in the fiftene yere of your mooste noble progenitour kynge Richarde the seconde, ageynst suche as sue to the Courte of Rome, ageynst youre Crowne and dignitie royall.

¶Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thynge there in conteyned shall not hereafter be taken nor expounded to the derogation or takynge aweye of any grantis or confirmations of any liberties, priuileges, or iurisdictiō of any monasteries, abbeys, priories, or other houses or places exempte, which heretofore the makyng of this act, hath ben obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, but that euery suche graunte and confirmation shalbe of the same value, force, and effect, as they were afore the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben made. Prouided alwayes, that the abbottis, priours, and other chiefe rulers, & gouernours of suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and other houses & places exempt, shall not hereafter paye any pension, portion, or other rente to the See of Rome, nor admit or accept any visitation nor any confirmation from or by the sayd see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, of or for any person to be elect named or presented, to be heedes of any suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, places, or houses exempte: nor shal make any corporal othe to the bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, vpon the peynes limitted in this acte: But that euery suche visitation and confirmation of suche heedes electe in any suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, houses, or places exempt, where after theyr election they were bounden to haue and obteyne anye confirmation of theyr election, or of the person named, presented, or electe shalbe from henceforth had, made, and done within this realme, at & within euery suche abbeys, monasteries, priories, and other houses and places exempte by suche person and persons as shalbe appoynted by auctorite of

the kinges commission from tyme to time, as the case shal require, and not by the See of Rome nor by auctorite therof, any thynge in this next prouiso aboue specified to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that in suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and houses exempte, where after election, presentation, or nomination of theyr heedes, no suche confirmation is requisite to be had, nor hathe ben vsed to be taken by reason of suche priuileges as they haue concerninge the same, that in euery suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and places exempt, they shal not be bounden to obteine haue or take any confirmation for the same within this realme, by auctorite of this acte, but vse theyr priuileges therin, as they haue done before the makynge of this acte, any thynge in this acte, or any the prouisos next aboue rehersed, to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted, that this acte or any thyng or thinges worde or wordes therin, or in the preamble therof mencioned or conteyned, is not intended or ment, nor shall be expounded nor interpret, that any dispensations, licences, or confirmations for mariages, graunted to any the kynges subiectis, borne vnder his obeysaunce, at any tyme before the .xii. day of March, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. shalbe appeired or of any lesse value, strengthe, force, or effecte, then they were, at the sayde .xii. day of Marche. Nor that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned, shall not extende to the derogation, appeyrynge, or adnullation of any lycences, dispensations, confyrmations, facultees, or indulgences at any tyme before the sayde .xii. day of Marche, in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. had or obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof to or for anye subiectis borne in this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, or to or for the hospitall of the priour of saynt Jonis Jerusalem in Englande, or any cõmandres or mẽbres therof, or to or for any other cathedrall churches, hospitals, monasteries, abbeys, priouries, colleges, conuentuall churches, parochiall churches, chappels, fraternities, brotherheedes, or bodyes politike within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions: but that euery suche licence, dispensation, confirmation, facultie, and indulgence, graunted before the said .xii. daye of Marche to any suche subiecte, or to the sayd hospitall of the priour of sayncte Jonis Jerusalem in Englande, and commandres or membres therof, or to any other cathedrall churche, hospitalle, monasterie, abbey, priorie, college, church conuentuall, parochiall church, chappell, fraternitie, brotherheed, or bodye politike, or to theyr predecessours, or auncetours within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, shall be of the same force, strength, value, and effecte, and may be from tyme to tyme putte in execution at all tymes hereafter by and to them that wyl vse and haue the same, as they mought haue ben afore the makynge of this act, and as if this act had neuer ben had ne made, any thyng in the said act to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

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Prouyded alwayes, that suche licences, dispensations, confyrmations, or faculties heretofore obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, contrarye to the expresse prouisyons of the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made, shall not at any tyme hereafter be vsed or putte in execution in any case, to the derogation or contrarye to the sayde lawes and statutes of this realme, and the prouisions of the same: Any thynge in this Prouiso to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

And be it enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the kynge our souerayngne lorde, by the aduyse of his honourable counsayle shall haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, for the ordrynge, redresse, and reformation of al maner of Indulgences and priuileges therof within this realme, or within anye the kynges dominions heretofore obteyned at the see of Rome, or by auctorite therof, and of the abuses of such indulgences and priuileges therof, as shall seme good, holsome, and reasonable for the honour of god and weale of his people: And that suche order and redresse, as shall be taken by his hyghnes in that behalfe, shall be obserued and fyrmely kepte vppon the peynes lymytted in this acte for the offendynge of the contentes of the same.

An acte declarynge the establyshement of the succesyon of the kynges moste royal maiestie in the imperyall crowne of this realme. Ca. xxii.

In theyr moste humble wyse shewen vnto your maiestie, your moost humble and obedyent subiectes, the lordes spyrytual and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclinacion of euery man, gladly and wyllyngly to prouyde for the suretie of both his tytle & succesyon, all though it touche his onely priuate cause. We therfore moste ryghtfull and dredfull souerayne lorde, reken our selfes moche more bounden to beseche and instant your hyghnes, all though we doubt not of your princely harte and wysedome, myxed with a naturall affeccyõ to the same, to fore se and prouide for the perfyte surety of both you and of your moost lawfull succesyon and heyres, vppon whiche dependeth all oure ioye and welthe: in whome also is vnited and knytte the onely mere trewe inheritaunce and tytle of this realme, without any contradyccyon. Wherfore we your sayde moste humble and obedient subiectes, in this present parliament assembled, callynge to our remembraunce the great diuisions, which in tymes paste haue ben in this realme by reason of seuerall tytles pretended to the imperiall crowne of the same, which somtymes, and for the most parte ensued by occasyon of ambyguite and doubtes, then not so perfectly declared, but that men myght vppon frowarde intentes expounde them to euery mannes sinistre appetite & affection, after theyr sence, cõtrarye to the

tyght legalite of the succession and posterite of the laufull kyngis and em-
perours of this realme: wherof hath insued great effusion & destruccyon
of mans bloud, as well of a great nombre of the nobles as of other the sub-
iectes, & specially inheritours in the same. And the greatest occasion therof
hath ben bycause no perfecte and substanciall prouision by lawe hath ben
made within this realme of it selfe, when doubtes and questions haue ben
moued and proponed of the certeyntie and legalitie of the succession and
posteritie of the crowne. By reason wherof the bishop of Rome & see aposto
like, contrarie to the great and inuiolable grauntes of iurisdictiõs gyuen
by god immediatly to emperours, kynges, & prynces in successyon to theyr
heyres, hath presumed in tymes past to inuest, who shulde please theym to
inheryte in other mennes kyngdomes and dominions: whiche thynge we
pour moste humble subiectis, bothe spirituall and temporall, do moste ab-
horre & deteste. And somtymes other forayne pryncis & potẽtatis of sondry
degrees, myndyng rather dissension & discorde to cõtinue in the realme, to
the vtter desolation therof, then charite, equite, or vnite, haue many tymes
supported wrong titles, wherby they might þ more easily & facilly aspire to
þ superiorite of þ same. The cõtinuãce & sufferãce wherof depely cõsidered
and pondered, were to daungerous and perillous to be suffered anye
lenger within this realme, and to moche contrarie to the vnitie, peace, and
tranquillite of the same, beinge greatly reprocheable and dishonorable to
the holle realme.

IN CONSIDERATION wherof pour sayd mooste humble and obe-
dient subiectis, the nobles and commons of this realme, callynge further
to their remembraunce, that the good vnitie, peace, and welthe of this
realme, and the succession of the subiectis of the same mooste specially and
principallye aboue all worldely thynges, consisteth and resteth in the cer-
tayntie and suretie of the procreation, and posteritie of pour hyghnes, in
whose moste royall persone at this present tyme is no maner of doubte nor
question, do therfore mooste humbly beseche pour hyghenes, that it maye
please pour maiestie, that it may be inacted by pour hyghnes, with the as-
sent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this pre-
sent parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the mariage
heretofore solempnised betwene pour hyghnes and the lady Catharine, be-
inge before laufulle wyfe to prince Arture, pour elder brother, whiche by
him was carnally knowen, as dothe duely appere by sufficient proue in a
laufull processe had and made before Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god,
nowe archebyshop of Canturbury and Metropolitane and primate of all
this realme, shall be by auctorite of this present parliament, diffinitiuely,
clerely, and absolutely declared, demed, and adiudged to be ageynste the
lawes of almyghty god, and also accepted, reputed, and taken of no value
ne effecte: but vtterly voyde and adnichiled: and the separation therof
made, by the sayd archebyshoppe shal be good and effectuall to al intentis
and purposes: any licence, dispensation, or any other acte or actes gonge

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afore, or infringe the same, or to the contrary therof, in any wyse not withstandynge. And that euery suche licence, dispensation, acte or actes, thyng or thinges heretofore had, made, done or to be done to the contrarie therof shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that the sayde ladye Catharine shalbe from hensforth called and reputed only dowager to prince Arture, & not quene of this realme. And that the lauful matrimonie had & solempnised betwene your hyghenes, and your mooste dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne shalbe establysshed, and taken for vndoubtfulle, trewe, syncere, and perfecte euer hereafter, accordynge to the iuste iudgement of the said Thomas archbyshop of Canturbury, metropolitane and primate of all this realme, whose groundes of iudgement haue ben confirmed as well by the holle clergie of this realme, in bothe the conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleance, Tolouse, Angiew, and dyuers others: And also by the priuate writynges of many ryghte excellent well lerned menne. Whiche groundes so confirmed, and iudgement of the sayd archebyshoppe ensuynge the same, to gether with your maryage solempnysed, betwene youre hyghenesse, and yout sayd laufull wyfe Quene Anne, we your sayde subiectes bothe spiritualle and temporalle, doo purely, playnely, constantely, and hyrmely accepte, approue, and ratifie for good and consonante to the lawes of almyghty god, without errour or defaute: Moste humbly besechynge your maiestie, that it may be so establysshed for euer by your moste gratious and royall assent.

And furthermore syns many inconuenience haue fallen as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryeng within the degrees of mariage prohibite by goddis lawes, that is to saye, The sonne to marye the mother, or the stepmother: The brother the syster: The father, his sonnes daughter, or his doughters doughter: or the son to mary the doughter of his father, procreate and borne by his stepmother: or the sonne to marye his aunte, beynge his fathers or mothers syster: or to marye his vncles wyfe: or the father to marye his sonnes wyfe, or the brother to marye his brothers wyfe, or any manne to mary his wyfes doughter, or his wyfes sonnes doughter, or his wyfes doughters doughter, or his wyfes syster. Whiche mariages all be it they be playnely prohibite and detested by the lawes of god, yet neuer the lesse at somtymes they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensations by mans power, whiche is but vsurped, and of ryght ought not to be granted, admytted, ne allowed. For no man, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he be, hathe power to dispence with goddis lawes, as all the clergie of this realme in the sayde Conuocations, and the most part of all the famous vniuersities of Christendome, and we also do affirme and thynke.

Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that no persone or persones, subiectes or reseantes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate, degree, or dignitie so euer they be, shall from hensforth mary

within the sayd degrees afore rehersed, what pretence so euer shalbe made to the contrarye therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate, dignitie, degree, or condition so euer they be, hath ben here tofore maried within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, within anye the degrees aboue expressed, and by anye the archebyshoppes, byshoppes, or ministers of the Churche of Englande, be separate from the boundes of suche vnlawfull maryage, that then euery suche separation shall be good, lawfulle, fyrme, and permanent for euer: And not by any power, auctoritie, or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter: And that the childerne procedynge or procreate vnder suche vnlawfulle maryage, shall not be lawefulle ne legittimate: any forayne lawes, lycences, dispensations, or other thynge or thynges to the contrarye thereof not withstandynge.

And in case there be any person or persons within this realme, or in any the kinges dominons, alredy maried within any the sayde degrees aboue specified, & not yet separat from the boũdes of such vnlauful mariage: that thẽ euery such pson so vnlaufully maried shalbe seperate by the diffinitiue sentence and iudgementes of the archbyshops, byshoppes, & other ministers of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions within the limittes of theyr iurisdictions and auctorites, and by none other power or auctorite. And that all sentences and iugementes, gyuen, and to be gyuen by any archebyshoppe, byshop, or other minister of the churche of Englande, or in other the kynges dominons, within the limittes of their iurisdictions and auctoritie, shalbe diffinitiue, firme, good, and effectual to all intentes, and be obserued and obeyed without suynge any prouocatiõs appeles, prohibitions, or other proceste frome the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrarie to the act made syns the begynnyng of this present parlyament for restraynte of suche prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, and other processis.

¶ AND also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all the issue hadde and procreate, or hereafter to be had and procreate betwene your highnes, and your saide most dere and entierly beloued wyfe Quene Anne, shall be your lawfull chyldrene, and be inheritable and inherite accordynge to the course of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the imperiall crowne of the same, with al dignities, honours, prehemynences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdictions to the same annexed or belongynge in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this present tyme hath the same, as king of this realme, the inheritance therof to be & remayn to your sayd childzen & right heires, in maner and forme as here after shalbe declared. That is to say, fyrst the said imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, shalbe to your maiestie, and to your heires of your body laufully begotte, that is to sey, to the fyrst sonne of your body betwene your highnes, and your sayde laufull wyfe, Quene Anne, begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of the same fyrste sonne laufully begotten. And for defaut of suche heyres, then to the

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ſeconde ſonne of your body, and of the body of the ſayde Quene Anne begotten, and to the heyres of the body of the ſaide ſeconde ſonne laufully begotten. And ſo to euery ſonne of your bodye, and of the bodye of the ſaide Quene Anne begotten, and to the heyres of the body of euery ſuche ſonne begotten, accordynge to the courſe of inheritaunce in that behalfe. And if it ſhall happen your ſaide dere and entierely beloued wyfe Quene Anne to deceſſe withoute iſſue male of the body of your highnes to be gotten (whiche god defende) then the ſame imperiall crowne, and all other the premiſſes to be to your maieſtie as is aforeſaid, and to the ſonne and heire male of your body laufully begotten, & to the heires of the body of the ſame ſonne & heire male laufully begotté. And for defaut of ſuch iſſue, thé to your ſecõde ſonne of your body laufully begotté, & to the heires of the body of the ſame ſecond ſonne laufully begotten: And ſo from ſonne and heire male, to ſonne and heire male, and to the heires of the ſeuerall bodies of euery ſuche ſonne and heyre male to begotten, accordinge to the courſe of inheritance, in like maner and fourme as is aboue ſayde. And for defaute of ſuche ſonnes of your body begotten, and of the heyres of the ſeuerall bodyes of euery ſuch ſonnes laufully be gotten, that then the ſayde imperiall crowne, and other the premiſſes, ſhall be to the iſſue female betwene your maieſtie and your ſayd moſte dere and entierely beloued wyfe quene Anne begotten. That is to ſaye, Fyrſte to the eldeſt iſſue female, whiche is the lady Eliſabeth nowe princes, and to the heires of her bodye laufully begotten: And for defaulte of ſuche iſſue, then to the ſeconde iſſue female, and to the heires of her body laufully begotten: And ſo from iſſue female to iſſue female, and to their heires of theyr bodyes one after an other, by courſe of inheritaunce, accordynge to theyr ages, as the crowne of England hath ben accuſtomed and ought to go in caſes when there be heyres females to the ſame. And for defaute of ſuche iſſue: then the ſayd imperiall crowne, and all other the premyſſes, ſhalbe in the ryght heyres of your hyghnes for euer.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that on this ſyde the fyrſte daye of Maye nexte commynge, proclamations ſhall be made in all ſhires within this realme of the tenour and contentes of this acte. And if any perſone or perſons, of what eſtate, dignitie, or condicion ſo euer they be, ſubiecte or reſeaunt within this realme, or elles where, within any the kynges dominions, after the ſayd fyrſte daye of Maye, by writynge or imprintynge, or by any exterior acte or dede, malicioufly procure or doo, or cauſe to be procured or done any thing or thinges to the peryl of your moſt royall perſon, or malicioufly gyue occaſion by writinge, print, dede or acte, wherby your hyghnes myghte be diſtourbed or interrupted of the crowne of this realme: or by writynge, print, dede, or acte, procure or do, or cauſe to be procured or done any thynge or thynges to the preiudice, ſclaunder, diſtourbance, or derogation of the ſayde laufulle matrimonie ſolempniſed betwene your maieſtie and the ſayd quene Anne: or to the peryl, ſclander, or diſheriſon of any the iſſues and heyres of your hyghnes, beinge limitted

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by this acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in suche forme as is aforesayde: whereby any suche issues or heires of your highnes myght be distroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritance to the Crowne of this realme, as to them is lymitted in this act, in forme aboue reherced: that then euerye suche persone and persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion they be of, subiecte or reseant within this realme, and theyr aydours, counsaylours, mayntaynours, & abbettours, and euery of them, for euery suche offence shal be adiuged high traitours, and euery suche offence shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offendours and theyr aydours, counsayllours, mayntaynours, and abbettours, and euery of them, beinge laufully conuicte of suche offence by presentmente, verdicte, confession, or processe, accordynge to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffre peynes of dethe, as in cases of hygh treason. And that also euery suche offendour, beinge conuicte, as is aforesayde, shal lose and forfayte to your highnes, and to your heires kynges of this realme, al suche manours, londes, tenementis, rentis, annuities, and hereditamentis, whiche they had in possession, as owners, or were sole seased of, by or in any right, title, or meanes, or any other persone or persons had to their vse, of any estate of inherytaunce, at the day of suche treasons and offences by them commytted and done. And shall also lose and forfayte to your hyghnes, and to your sayd heyres, as well all maner suche estates of freeholde and interestis, for yeres of landes and rentes, as all theyr goodes, catralles, and debtis, which they had at the tyme of cõuiction or atteyndre of any suche offence. Saynge alwayes to euery person and persons, and bodyes politike to their heyres, assignes, and successours, & euery of them, other then suche persons as shalbe so conuict, and theyr heires and successours, & all other claymyng to theyr vses, al such right, title, vse, interest, possession, condicion, rentes, fees, offyces, annuities, and cõmunes, which they or any of them shal happen to haue, in, to, or vpon any such manours, londes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, or hereditamẽtes, that shal so happen to be lost and forfayte by reason of atteyndre, for any the tresons and offences aboue reherced, at any tyme before the sayde treasons and offences commytted.

¶ AND be it further enacted by auctorytie aforesayd, that if any persone or persons, after the sayd fyrste day of May, by any wordes without wrytynge, or any exteriour dede or acte, maliciously and obstinately publyshe, diuulge, or vtter any thyng or thynges, to the perpll of your hyghnes, or to the sclaunder or prejudice of the sayd matrimonie, solempnised betwene your hyghnes and the sayd quene Anne: or to the sclander or dishonour of the issue and heires of your body begotten, and to be gotten of the sayde quene Anne, or any other your laufull heyres, whiche shalbe inheritable to the crowne of this realme, as is afore limitted by this act: that then euery suche offence shall be taken and adiudged for mesprision of treason. And that euery person and persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer they

they be, subiecte or reseant within this realme, or in any the kynges domi-nions, so doynge and offendynge, and beynge therof laufully conuicte by presentement, verdicte, proceſſe, or confeſſyon, ſhall ſuffre imprſonemente of theyr bodyes at the kynges wyll, and ſhal loſe as well all theyr goodes, cattalles, and debtis, as all ſuche intereſſes and eſtates of free holde, or for yeres, whyche any ſuche offendour ſhall haue of or in any londes, rentes, or heredytamentes, what ſo euer at the tyme of conuiction and attendre of ſuche offence.

¶ AND be it alſo enacted by auctorytie afore ſayde, that no perſone nor perſons offendynge in any the treaſons or meſprſions conteyned and ex-empted by this act, ſhall in any wyſe haue or inioye the priuilege or immu-nite of any maner of ſainctuaries within this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, but ſhall vtterly loſe and be excluded of the ſame: any vſe, cuſtome, graunt, preſcrypcyon, confirmation, or any other thynge or thynges, to the contrarye therof in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

And be it alſo enacted by auctorytie afore ſayde, that yf youre maieſtie ſhulde happen to dyſceſſe before anye ſuche youre iſſue and heyre male, whiche ſhulde inherite the crowne of this realme, ſhall be of his age of xviii. yeres, or before ſuch youre iſſue & heire female, which ſhuld inherit the crowne of this realme, ſhalbe maried, or be of the age of. xvi. yeres (which almyghty god defend) that then youre ſayd iſſue & heire male to the crowne ſo beyng within the ſayde age of. xviii. yeres, or youre ſayde iſſue and heyre female to the crowne, being vnmaried, or within the ſaid age of. xvi. yeres: ſhalbe & remayne vnto ſuch tyme as ſuche iſſues and heyres ſhall come to theyr ſayde ſeuerall ages afore lymytted, at and in the gouernance of theyr naturall mother, ſhe lyuynge, with ſuche others counſaylours of youre re-alme as youre maieſtie in youre lyfe tyme ſhall depute and aſſygne by youre wyll, or other wiſe for the ſame, without contradiction of any perſon or per-ſones to the contrarye therof. And yf any perſon or perſones by wri-tynge or exteriour dede or acte, procure or do, or cauſe to be procured or done any thynge or thynges to the let or dyſturbaunce of the ſame: that then euery ſuche offence ſhalbe hygh treaſon, and the offendours, beynge therof conuicte, ſhall ſuffre ſuch peynes of dethe, and loſſes of inheritance, freholdes, intereſtes for yeres, goodes, cattalles, and debtes in ſuche ma-ner and fourme as is aboue ſpecified in caſes of treaſon afore mencyoned.

¶ AND for the more ſure eſtablyſhmēt of the ſucceſſyon of your moſt roy-all maieſtie, accordynge to the tenour and fourme of this acte: Be it fur-ther enacted by auctorytie afore ſayd, that as well all the nobles of youre re-alme ſpirituall and temporall, as all other youre ſubiectes nowe lyuynge & beynge, or that hereafter ſhalbe at theyr full ages, by the commaundement of youre maieſtie, or of youre heyres, at al times hereafter from time to time, when it ſhall pleaſe youre highnes, or youre heyres to appoynt, ſhall make a corporall othe in the preſence of youre highnes, or youre heyres: or before ſu-che other, as youre maieſtie or youre heyres wyll depute for the ſame, that

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they ſhall truely, firmely, and conſtantly without fraude or gyle obſerue, fulfyll, maynteyne, defende and kepe, to theyr counnynge, witte, and vttermooſte of theyr powers, the hole effectes and contentes, of this preſente acte. And that all maner poure ſubiectes, as welle ſpirituall as temporall ſuing liueray, reſtitutions, or oter le mayn out of the handes of pour highnes, or of pour heyres, or doinge any fealtie to pour hyghnes or to poure heyres, by reaſon of tenure of theyr landes, ſhal ſwere a lyke corporel othe, that they and euery of theym, withoute fraude or gyle, to theyr cunnynge, witte, and vttermooſte of theyr powers, ſhall truelye, firmelye, and conſtanteiy obſerue, fulfyll, maynteyne, defende, and kepe the effectes & contentes conteyned and ſpecified in this act, or in any parte therof. And that they nor any of them ſhalt hereafter haue any liuerayes, oter le mayne, or reſtitution out of pour handes, nor out of the handes of pour heyres, tylle they haue made the ſayde corporell othe, in fourme aboue reherſed. And if any perſon or perſones, beinge commaunded by auctorite of this acte, to make the ſayd othe afore limitted, obſtinately refuſe that to do in contempt of this acte: that then euery ſuche perſon (ſo doinge) to be taken and accepted for offendour in meſpriſion of high treaſon. And that euery ſuche refuſall ſhalbe demed and adiudged meſpriſion of hygh treaſon: and the offendour therin to ſuffre ſuche peynes and impriſonment, loſſes and forfaytures, and alſo loſe priuileges of ſaintuaries, in lyke maner and forme as is aboue mencioned for the meſpriſions of treſons afore lymitted by this act.

Prouided alwayes, that the article in this acte conteyned concernynge prohibitions of mariages within the degrees afore mencioned in this act, ſhall alwayes be taken, interpreted, and expownded of ſuche maryages, where mariages were ſolemniſed, and carnall knowlege was had.

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